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New look for holiday home cracked in half by landslide

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A MODERN, floating structure on the outskirts of Lyme Regis has replaced the £900,000 holiday home cracked in half by a landslide in 2014.

The cliff-top property Crow's Nest, in Ware, made national news after continuous landslips ripped through the building, meaning it had to be demolished.

Architects AR Design Studio were already working on plans for an extension at the chalet-style holiday home when disaster struck, and were instead tasked with designing a completely new home, which is now gaining recognition for its innovative and modern design.

The new house has been built with the potential for future land movement in mind.

In their description of the property, AR Design Studio explained: "The idea of movement and fracturing formed the backbone of the concept. Working closely with engineers Eckersley O'Callaghan, an imaginative structural solution was proposed to prevent future failure.

"A concrete slab was built into the ground, a series of strategically placed dwarf walls were then built on top of it. A floating structural frame was then laid on top of the walls to act as an adjustable raft in case of future movement. Beneath the frame, there are specific places for mechanical jacks to be positioned so that the house can be securely re-levelled."

Commenting on the modern design, the architects continued: "The design concept starts as a traditional cabin-like-form that then splits, twists and rotates, resulting in four pods. The outcome is a beautifully haphazard rough-sawn larch clad house that silhouettes against the wooded backdrop.

"The clearly defined entrance pod, the smallest of the four, guides you through the hallway into the central pod; the main living space comprising of kitchen, dining and living room. The extensive sliding glass draws one into the stunning coastline setting, with uninterrupted views of the English Channel beyond a floating timber deck.

"The tower pod houses the large open plan master suite, situated on the first floor above a children's bedroom, utility room and shower room on the ground floor. The right-hand pod, at the opposite end of the house, consists of the guest quarters; a bedroom, two bunk rooms, and a bathroom. This

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BECKY Crabbe grew up in Lyme Regis and is now co-owner and director of renewable energy company Evergreen, alongside husband Ian.

They now live in Seaton, in East Devon, but with their offices in Lyme Regis they retain strong links with the town and say they are lucky to be bringing up their two young daughters in "such a fantastic part of the country".

● HOW did you come to be owner and director of Evergreen?

PRIOR to working at Evergreen I was a legal secretary at Beviss and Beckingsale Solicitors in Axminster.

I enjoyed working in the conveyancing department for 10 years before having my two gorgeous girls, now five and seven-years-old.

Whilst at home when the girls were young I started to get involved with the running of Evergreen with Ian, my husband. I have now been juggling the girls and the office for three years, life is busy and really enjoyable.

Evergreen is most definitely a family business, husband and wife living and working together!

● HOW has the business developed over the years?

THE business began as my husband's small electrical company and grew to become Evergreen in 2011, when we started carrying out solar PV installations as well as electrical work.

In 2014 we started our plumbing and heating services and extended our range of renewables to include heat pumps, solar thermal and biomass. We have had help on the way and we are grateful to those who have contributed to our success.

● WHAT services does the business offer?

WE OFFER a wide range of services including electrical, plumbing and heating, as well as the installation of renewable technologies such as solar PV, ground and air source heat pumps.

We also fit wood burners and flues and carry out bathroom refurbishments. We are NIC EIC registered electricians and MCS registered renewable installers.

● WHAT sets it apart from other renewable energy companies?

WE ARE a local, friendly, family-run company based in Lyme Regis.

We pride ourselves on taking time to advise and discuss which renewable technology is best suited to our customers and their property. We have a great team around us and couldn't do it without them!

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● WHAT are the benefits of using renewable energy methods, such as solar PV?

MANY think that solar PV it is not worth considering now that the financial incentives have been reduced, but it is still a viable option.

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This is partly due to the government backed RHI (Renewable Heat Incentive) which pays people for installing renewable technologies.

● WHAT do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

WITH mummy and daddy running a busy business our spare time is very precious to the family, we enjoy long walks on the beach/countryside with our six-month-old puppy Coco (you may have seen photos of her on our Evergreen Facebook page!).

You may also see us at the Lyme Regis Football Club supporting the 'Seasiders' on a Saturday afternoon.

Sundays are family time, cooking a big roast dinner, sometimes up to 10 of us, all generations together!

● WHAT do you like about living in the local area?

HAVING lived and grown up in Lyme Regis, I love the fact that the Evergreen office overlooks Golden Cap, you can never tire of that stunning view, no matter what the weather.

My family has lived and worked in Lyme Regis for many years. My maternal grandfather, Victor, was a painter and decorator and my paternal grandmother, Olive, ran the Habour Café down at the Cobb for years.

Ian and I feel very lucky to be bringing our children up in such a fantastic part of the country.

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'A home that we absolutely love'

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entire section of the house can be closed off when not required.

"The result is a playful and calm space for the owners to enjoy weekends with family and friends whilst taking in the spectacular and isolated location in which it sits."

Owners Andrew and Katherine Vaughn bought the property 2011 before it was affected by landslides. The house was built in 1972 and was itself a replacement of an earlier property damaged by landslips.

Commenting on the new build, the Vaughns said: "The Crow's Nest is situated in a fairly unique location and we always knew that it would need an architect who would not only be sympathetic to that but who would also design a stunning contemporary house that did justice to its surroundings.

"AR Design Studio have designed a house that has exceeded all our expectations. From the moment we first sat down with the team we knew they understood exactly what we were looking for. The result is a home that we absolutely love."

■ BEFORE AND AFTER: Pictured top, the former Crow's Nest property built in 1972 and, above, its modern replacement which was recently completed

Residents asked to share ideas on local plan review

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A PUBLIC consultation has started across West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland about the councils' joint local plan review.

The local plan, adopted in October 2015, sets out a long-term planning strategy to meet future development needs. It covers important issues such as where housing could be built and what infrastructure may be needed.

It also looks at how the environment can be protected and how future developments can be made more sustainable.

The councils have now embarked on a review of the plan, as recommended by an inspector in his report on the local plan examination.

In his report, the inspector indicated that he considered it to be "imperative that an early review is undertaken".

The objective of the review is to identify additional housing land capable of meeting housing need to 2036. Through the local plan review, the councils will also consider revisions to other policies in response to changes in national policy and legislation.

The councils are currently seeking views of residents on the 'Issues and Options' for the Local Plan Review and the Sustainability Appraisal through a public consultation.

When commenting on growth in Lyme Regis, the inspector highlighted the need for cross-boundary discussions due to the proximity of the town to the district boundary and the presence of Uplyme in East Devon.

He said that he "did not consider the close relationship between two parts of what can be viewed as the same settlement should be dismissed". However, he recognised that "it is unclear whether additional sites in Uplyme could be made available" and recognised that options "are limited because of the location of both settlements in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and land stability and access issues".

The allocation of land for housing at Woodberry Down in Lyme Regis, included in the adopted local plan, was considered by the inspector to be visually "well contained by the surrounding landform so its impact on the AONB is limited".

In the 'Issues and Options' document, it states that the topography, AONBs, land stability issues and the coast "act together to limit opportunities for development in Lyme Regis".

However, land at Dragon's Hill and north west of Lyme Regis has been highlighted for potential development. Areas east of Charmouth Road, west of Lyme Regis and at Ware have be ruled out.

The document asks residents three questions regarding Lyme Regis:

- Lyme Regis has grown at an average rate of 15 dwellings per year over the last 5 years. Given the constrained nature of the Lyme Regis area, should we plan for a lower level of growth or maintain the current level of growth?
- Are there any additional issues related to the development of the site options?
- What are the infrastructure requirements for the development of the site options, individually or in combination with others?

Drop-in sessions on the local plan review will be held across the area over the coming weeks, including at the Woodmead Halls in Lyme Regis on Wednesday, March 1st from 10am to 7pm.

The consultation will remain open until April 3rd and more information is available at the website www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/local-plan-review

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Council described as 'greedy' over outside seating charges

A LYME Regis trader has complained that the amount charged by the town council for businesses on Lyme Regis seafront to have outside seating is "unsustainable".

Larry Gibbons, owner of Largigi restaurant on Marine Parade, made his complaints on social networking site Facebook.

He questioned why seafront businesses in Lyme Regis were being charged £125 per chair each year, while traders in other areas of West Dorset were only charged £16.50.

He commented: "Lyme Regis is a seasonal town and these prices are unsustainable. Example: 40 chairs on Marine Parade £5,000, West Dorset £660.

"Town councillors have no idea about supporting businesses and in turn supporting visitors, as prices will have to rise considerably or we lose seating. Everyone loses. Crazy!"

Mr Gibbons received several comments of support, with Facebook users describing the charges as "ridiculous", "horrendous" and "disgusting".

Others described the council as "greedy" and said "Lyme council doesn't need the cash".

Mr Gibbons added: "They all have an illusion that we make fortunes but the truth is we all just make a living and to penalise businesses with these charges is complete negativity for all of us. We must make a stand and educate councillors on their false beliefs."

Lyme Regis Town Council was asked for a response to the comments and confirmation of charges by the *View From Lyme Regis*, but had not responded at the time of going to press.

Man arrested for racially-aggravated assault

A LATVIAN man was arrested in Lyme Regis on Friday night for a racially-aggravated assault.

The 27-year-old man was arrested following a disturbance in Bridge Street, Lyme Regis, and has been charged with four offences – assault by beating; racially aggravated common assault; using threatening, abusive or insulting words to cause fear of violence; and use of racially aggravated, threatening, abusive or insulting words to cause fear of violence.

The man had allegedly caused disruption in the Bridge Street area and was held by members of the public while the police were called.

He has been bailed to appear at Weymouth Magistrates Court on March 1st.

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Council backs community transport schemes as bus subsidies are slashed

DORSET County Council has underlined its backing for community-run transport links to keep people in rural areas connected, following the announcement that it was cutting subsidies for 28 bus services.

Services across the county will be affected, but the county council has said that community transport such as dial-a-rides, volunteer car schemes and car-sharing can be "more flexible" for journeys like shopping, healthcare and visiting friends and relatives compared to fixed timetable, fixed route buses.

Over the last year, the council has provided a host of support for communities to consider and set up their own transport schemes, including:

Producing a community transport toolkit for communities in Dorset to start up a transport scheme in their local area. Around 350 toolkits have been distributed to local groups including all town and parish councils, libraries and Transport Action Groups (TAGs).

Offering match-funding community transport grants of up to £5,000 for charities, parish councils and community groups to help launch new transport services. Bridport Town Council has been awarded a grant to fund a feasibility and scoping study for a Bridport community bus.

Attending more than 30 community engagement meetings across the county with councillors, transport operators and local residents

Encouraging transport providers tendering for school bus contracts to consider setting up community services between school runs

Supporting new "friends of" groups for communities to take some ownership of and pride in their local bus stops or transport services

Working with Volunteer Centre Dorset and using social media to recruit new volunteers, giving people opportunities to help their community and be more social

Since April 2016, 20 trial community transport schemes have been introduced across Dorset by a number of operators. Dorset Community Transport's PlusBus has introduced the most trial schemes. One of the projects ties in with the Thorncombe Community Transport Grant, which is partly supporting the local PlusBus service to boost services in the area.

The initiatives follow the decision by the county council last February to reduce its subsidies for public bus services by £1.5million over two years, in the light of having to save £16million in 2016/7. The council saved £500,000 in 2016/7 by reducing funding for infrequent rural bus services and focusing on services used by the most people.

The council still needs to save a further £1million on public transport, as well as £850,000 on schools transport, in 2017/8 to contribute its overall savings target of £18.3million. County councillors will discuss and set the budget at their meeting on 16 February.

Unsustainable

During September and October 2016, more than 2,600 people responded to a public consultation on changes to public and schools transport.

Councillor Peter Finney, Cabinet member for environment, highways and infrastructure, said: "With the financial challenges we face, the current model of subsidised transport in Dorset is unsustainable. We need to focus the available funding on those routes that carry the most people and do most to support our economy.

"We are working in partnership with communities to develop a thriving network of locally-owned transport links across Dorset. In time, we see this becoming integrated with a core number of town-to-town routes, commercially operated services and our own transport fleet to give people a more flexible range of travel options."

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Trust thanks those involved with affordable housing development

■ ON TARGET: Construction of the affordable housing development is progressing at the site off Timber Hill

DIRECTORS of Lyme Regis Community Land Trust (CLT) hosted a celebratory gathering last week for key people who have contributed to their affordable homes scheme, currently under construction at Timber Hill.

The event was held at the Royal Lion Hotel on Thursday evening, when CLT chairman Denis Yell thanked members of the community who had given their time voluntarily and with such enthusiasm and sensitivity towards the project.

He said that, by working as a team, this ensured that the many challenges faced in pursuing the development of 15 affordable rented properties were surmounted.

Mr Yell welcomed the CLT's key partners, Yarlington Housing Group, who helped to organise the event, and representatives from the county, district and town councils, and the professional advisers who had ensured that the scheme could proceed.

Work on site, which will be named Garmans Field, is proceeding apace with CG Fry as contractor, and should be completed on time in late 2017. All the homes will be for affordable rent to people from the Lyme Regis community.

For further information on applying for one of the homes, contact Yarlington on lettings@yhg.co.uk or the CLT on lymeregisclt@aol.com

Secretary of State asked to back unitary authority bid

THE Secretary of State for Local Government and Communities, Sajid Javid, has been formally requested to back a proposal by six of Dorset's nine councils for major structural change in the county.

Dorset's three upper tier councils – the councils that spend the greatest percentage of the county's local government money and represent every resident on the county, Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole – are supporting the proposal, along with North Dorset, West Dorset and Weymouth & Portland councils.

Christchurch Borough Council, Purbeck District Council and East Dorset District Council did not support the proposal.

If agreed by the secretary of state, this proposal would mean Dorset's nine existing councils are disbanded and cease to exist.

The two new unitary councils that replace them would each deliver all local government services in their areas.

They would be structured around the natural established communities of urban and rural Dorset, with one covering Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch, and the other one serving the residents of the rest of the county.

Councillor Robert Gould, leader of Dorset County Council, said: "This proposal is about being aspirational and ambitious for Dorset.

"It is a chance in a lifetime to make Dorset a more successful, healthy, vibrant and prosperous county, for everyone who lives here.

"Two councils working together would collaborate on key matters such as attracting investment and government money, infrastructure planning and land use – something that is impeded by the existence of nine separate councils currently, each with their own uncoordinated priorities."

Councillor Anthony Alford, leader of West Dorset District Council, said: "This change is not driven by a desire for greater power, to protect individual positions or preserve any specific council just for the sake of it.

"In fact, quite the opposite. As well as financial imperative, this proposal could deliver a prize that is far greater than any council can achieve in its current form.

"The opportunities to really transform how public services are delivered in the county is breath-taking, and the benefits this would have for local people equally inspiring."

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Drivers urgently needed for voluntary car service

LYME Regis Voluntary Car Service is in urgent need of new drivers.

Several of the service's existing volunteers have become unavailable in recent weeks due to other commitments, and new drivers are now being sought.

The service, managed by the TRIP Community Transport charity based in Honiton, has frequently been calling in Seaton-based drivers to help out, which increases the costs to service users.

The scheme provides transport for local people to enable them to attend medical appointments both locally and at district hospitals such as Exeter, Dorchester, Bridport and Poole.

Drivers are reimbursed at 45 pence per mile and do not have to commit to being available on a regular basis but can offer what time they have when they can. For more information, contact Neil Hurlock at TRIP on 01404 46529.

Journalist Kate Adie to give talk

"A CORRESPONDENT'S Life will be the subject of a talk being given by renowned journalist and broadcaster Kate Adie at the Woodmead Halls in Lyme Regis on Thursday, March 2nd.

As former chief news correspondent for BBC News, Kate has reported from war zones across the world.

The talk will start at 2.30pm, organised by the Friends of Lyme Regis Museum. Entry costs £3 for members and £5 for visitors, including refreshments, with all proceeds going to the museum's Mary Anning Wing extension.

B&B produces fossil guide for visitors

HENSLEIGH House bed and breakfast in Charmouth has produced a beginners' guide to fossil hunting to help their guests and other visitors to the area.

The aim is give advice on where and how to start looking for fossils and how to stay safe, especially for those visiting when then local heritage coast and fossil centres are not open. The guide can be downloaded from www.hensleighhouse.co.uk

Hensleigh House will also be hosting a talk on 'Secrets of the Jurassic Coast' by the Jurassic Coast Trust on March 30th. Details and tickets are available from www.jurassiccoast.org

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■ SPECIAL GUEST: Ron Harris (centre) with match day sponsor Adrian Wood, man of the match Dom Rowe and club committee members Francesca Evans and Nicky Levan. Below, Mr Harris during his talk

Chelsea legend visits Seasiders

FORMER Chelsea legend Ron 'Chopper' Harris visited Lyme Regis Football Club on Saturday for a fundraising evening.

Mr Harris played for Chelsea during the 1960s and 70s and earned his nickname as one of the toughest defenders of his era.

He visited the Seasiders for an evening talk, during which he shared memories of his career and answered questions from the audience. He was supported by cockney comedian Mike Pugh who warmed up the crowd.

Mr Harris arrived early for the event, allowing him to watch Lyme's 3-0 win against Colyton and present man of the match Dominic Rowe a bottle of champagne, alongside Adrian Wood from match day sponsor Advantage Digital Print.

Charmouth nominated for BBC's Beach of the Year award

Photo by RICHARD AUSTIN

CHARMOUTH has been shortlisted for the 'Countryfile' magazine's Beach of the Year award.

Five beaches from around the country have been nominated by Hermione Cockburn, presenter of BBC programme 'Coast', with Charmouth facing competition from Seacliff near North Berwick in East Lothian; Balephuil Bay in the Inner Hebrides; Porthcurno in Cornwall; and Embleton Bay in Northumberland.

Giving her reasons for nominating Charmouth, Hermione wrote: "With its characteristic dark grey, slumping cliffs, Charmouth on the Jurassic Coast is ideal for fossil hunters. Exciting finds, such as Ichthyosaur skeletons, are still made, and even first-timers can find the remains of ancient sea creatures such as ammonites in rocky pools at low tide."

The BBC 'Countryfile' Magazine Awards include 12 categories, ranging from Holiday Destination of the Year to Pub of the Year, with BBC experts nominating five contenders in each category.

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Brownies get busy baking

■ CHILDREN from Lyme Regis Brownies were treated to an evening of baking when they visited The Cornish Bakery in Broad Street last week. The troop were welcomed to the bakery after opening hours, where they were given an insight into the responsibilities of the staff and were able to get hands-on as they helped make scones.

Businesses asked to support body image film screening

AXMINSTER-based social enterprise Nutriri* will be hosting a screening of the body image movement documfilm 'Embrace' at the Marine Theatre in Lyme Regis on March 9th.

Nutriri* designs workshops to enable everyone to be more at ease around food and themselves, and to stop partaking in fad diets.

Local businesses are being asked to support the film screening by offering body and food positive samples or vouchers for goody bags which will be given out to all those attending, as well as larger prizes.

For further information on Nutriri* and how your business can help, call Helen James on 07919 097 970, email embrace@nutriri.org or visit the website www.nutriri.com

New Scouts invested into troop

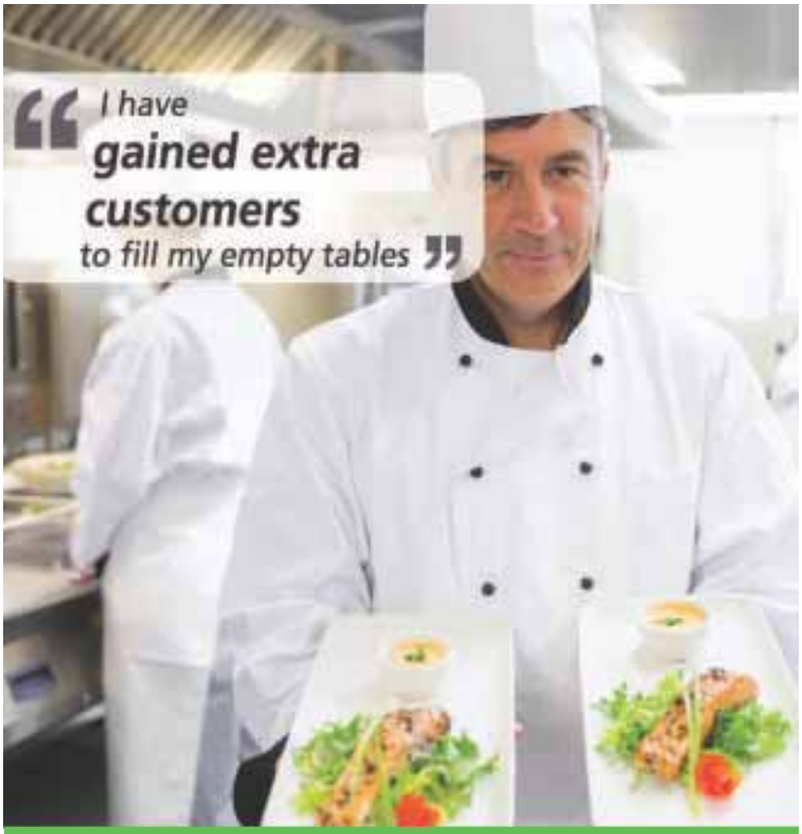
AN action-packed term for the 1st Lym Valley Scouts has continued with members taking part in an evening of target practise at The Tunnel Target Sports Centre, near Charmouth, as part of their on-going work towards the Master at Arms badge.

This was also a special evening for two Scouts who were invested at the end of the evening and welcomed into the troop (pictured above).

"I was pleased to take the Scouts to The Tunnel again," said Scout Leader, Dave Wareham.

"It was great to see the Scouts try out some new things on the range, quite different from what they've done before which keeps it fun. It was also fantastic that we invested two new Scouts into out growing troop."

There are currently spaces at 1st Lym Valley Scouts, for both girls and boys, aged between 10 and 14. Anyone interested should contact Karen Yelland by emailing yellandpay@aol.com



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Bristol folk singers coming to Lyme after appearance on BBC's 'The Choir'

■ **COMING TO LYME: Bristol-based group the Longest Johns, pictured with TV choirmaster Gareth Malone having featured on BBC show 'The Choir'** ***Photo courtesy of the BBC***

IF you've been following 'The Choir' on BBC with Gareth Malone, you will undoubtedly have noticed a bunch of bearded Bristolian blokes who rather stand out from the crowd.

Now the Longest Johns, fresh from their appearance on the popular television show, are among the acts appearing next month at Lyme Folk Revisited, the annual fundraiser for the town's summer folk festival.

The one-off show will be held on Saturday, March 18 at the Pilot Boat in Lyme Regis, and features three acts from across the region.

The five-strong singing group, all in their twenties, bring a youthful vigour – and a touch of bawdy Bristolian humour – to their performances of traditional shanties and their own original material.

Joining them for the evening will be Saskia Griffiths-Moore, a young singer-songwriter really making a name for herself on the folk circuit.

Saskia's unique voice, perfectly complemented by her highly accomplished guitar style, bring new life classic songs and her own compositions, and have already made her a popular performer in Lyme, with several appearances at the Marine Theatre and Lyme Folk Weekend.

She is currently working on a much-anticipated second album.

Completing the evening are Mitchell & Vincent, a highly sought-after duo who have been among the most popular performers at Lyme Folk Weekend for the last four years.

David Mitchell (guitar) and Graham Vincent (violin and vocals) play a mix of high tempo tunes to get your toes tapping and beautifully soulful folk ballads to melt your heart.

A Lyme Folk organiser said: "The annual Revisited show is becoming a traditional event for us, and we are delighted to welcome such amazing talent once again. All the performers are donating their time so all the proceeds from the show go to helping us put on the summer festival.

"We think this year's show will be right up there with the previous ones in terms of quality, and we are particularly thrilled to be holding the evening in the Pilot Boat, as we think an intimate but friendly setting will suit our performers perfectly."

Tickets for the Lyme Folk Revisited fundraiser are £10, available online at www.lymefolk.com, from Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre on 01297 442138 or from the Pilot Boat Inn.

Volunteers given sneak peek of museum

VOLUNTEERS and supporters of Lyme Regis Museum were given a sneak preview of the Mary Anning Wing, the museum's new contemporary extension currently under construction.

Architect Robert Battersby guided 70 guests around the half-constructed Mary Anning Wing, whilst museum operations manager Bridget Houseago showed guests the new geology gallery.

Museum Director David Tucker said: "We planned the event to give our hard working volunteers a chance to see the work in progress.

"Our volunteers have raised very significant sums of money to help fund our work, so seeing so many of them impressed with the new building was great.

"It was also fantastic to be able to welcome some new volunteers to the event. We're actively looking for more volunteers to help run the extended museum when it reopens this summer. If you are interested in finding out more about this, do get in touch. I'd love to hear from you."

To find out more about the volunteering opportunities at the museum , contact David on 01297 443370 or email director@lymeregismuseum.co.uk

Witches and wizards go potty for Potter

LYME Regis Library was transformed into Hogwarts earlier this month as Harry Potter fans were invited to a special evening of activities.

The children were met by staff dressed as Hogwarts professors and spent a fun-filled evening taking part in activities, including potion and wand-making, constructing boxes for their Bertie Botts Beans of Many Flavours and lots more.

There was also a prize draw for a copy of the 'Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them' screenplay by J.K. Rowling, donated by Serendip Books.

Library staff said: "We all had great fun, the children were so enthusiastic, we can't wait for the next one!"

Bishop visits deaf club members

■ THE Bishop of Salisbury, the Right Reverend Nick Holtam, paid a visit to members of Bridport Deaf Club on Saturday, February 4th. The Bishop was invited to the club by the Reverend Neil Robinson, who is himself profoundly deaf and was keen for the Bishop to learn about deaf awareness, the barriers in communication that deaf people face, such as accessing a church service, and to meet the local deaf community. The event was well attended by club members, which includes residents from across West Dorset, and the Bishop went away having learnt a few signs himself.

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West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland Local Plan Review

A public consultation will run from 6 February to 3 April across West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland

The Local Plan sets out a long term strategy to meet future development needs. It covers important issues like where housing could be built. We are reviewing the Local Plan and would like to know what you think.

To view the Issues and Options for the Local Plan Review and have your say, visit **www.dorsetforyou.com/local-plan-review** from 6 February 2017.

Drop-in sessions – where you can find out more about the review and discuss the plans with a planning officer - will be held at:

Sherborne	Digby Hall	Monday	20 February	10am-7pm
Weymouth	Redlands Sport Centre	Tuesday	21 February	10am-7pm
Portland	St. Georges Centre	Thursday	23 February	10am-7pm
Charminster	Village Hall	Friday	24 February	10am-7pm
Dorchester	South Walks House	Monday	27 February	10am-7pm
Beaminster	Town Hall	Tuesday	28 February	10am-7pm
Lyme Regis	Woodmead Hall	Wednesday	1 March	10am-7pm
Bridport	Leisure Centre	Thursday	2 March	10am-7pm
Crossways	Village Hall	Tuesday	7 March	10am-7pm
Chickerell	Willowbed Hall	Thursday	9 March	10am-5.30pm

Copies of the Local Plan Review Issues and Options will also be available at the council offices and at local libraries.

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View From THE MARINE THEATRE

THE Marine Theatre's role in the daily life of Lyme Regis is growing, providing residents and visitors as it does with everything from cheery amateur dramatics (enjoy 'Robinson Crusoe' this week!), innovative youth theatre and community-wide plays to intimate jazz evenings, popular tribute bands or comedy nights, and even acting as the town's temporary movie house and Slimming World venue.

This has galvanized many to show their support of such a community asset by becoming a Theatre Friend, by taking part in local giving campaigns or by sponsoring aspects of the Marine's programme.

An enhanced Theatre Friends scheme has just been launched with new provisions for young and longer-term members. For the first time, young people aged 5-25 can join at an annual cost of £10 for reduced-price cinema tickets, £1 tickets to selected shows and a 10 per cent discount at Dottie Kitchen, the Marine's new coffee shop, alongside other benefits.

For the over 25s who'd like to be offered season launches, e-newsletters, £1 off selected shows and 10 per cent discounts in the Marine Bar and Dottie Kitchen, annual membership costs £25 for singles and £35 for couples.

A three-year membership with two free tickets for members' friends each season added to the benefits costs £65 or £95.

People can also support the theatre in other novel ways. Anyone can make a donation to the Marine through the www.localgiving.org website or even more painlessly via the Co-operative. As a registered charity, the Marine has been chosen by the Co-operative to be one of its 'Local Causes' that are supported when you buy any of their brand products from food to car insurance. Just go online or phone 0800 023 4708 with your Co-operative membership number and confirm that the Marine Theatre is the local cause you want one per cent of your spend to go to.

Passionately committed to encouraging younger audiences and performers, the Marine is proud to house the Lyme Youth Theatre, and there are opportunities for sponsors to support its activities, focused this year around their production of the new play 'The Monstrum', part of the National Theatre Connections Project.

In addition to these welcome forms of support (and a new board of trustees with a mission to keep the little theatre by the sea thriving), there are a variety of specific projects from this summer's 'Monmouth' community play to whole seasons of different theatrical experiences that are currently seeking corporate and private sponsors. Anyone interested in helping to secure the present and future of the much-treasured Marine Theatre should contact admin@marinetheatre.com

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Looking ahead to the summer show

UPLYME & Lyme Regis Horticultural Society is already looking ahead to its summer show on July 15th.

The schedule for the annual show is now printed and can be picked up in Uplyme Stores, Raymonds Hill Post Office, Ginger Beer and other outlets in Lyme Regis. As usual there's a wide range of classes to compete in, from flowers, fruit and vegetables to preserves, cookery, wine, floral art, photography and crafts.

New for this year is the "Potato in a Bucket" category. The committee is providing buckets and potato tubers at a cost of £2.50 for entrants to grow and bring to the show. The buckets will be emptied during the show and the heaviest crop will win a prize of lunch for two at River Cottage's Park Farm HQ.

The buckets and tubers will be available at the society's next talk on Wednesday, February 22nd from 7.30pm in Uplyme Village Hall when Steve Griffiths of Abbotsbury Gardens will be talking about an expedition he and three other head gardeners made to Chile in the tracks of William Lobb, a noted Victorian plant hunter.

Steve will also be showing examples of the plants they found. Tea and coffee will be available and entry is free for members or £3 for guests.

On Saturday, February 25th, Uplyme Village Hall is also the venue for a ceilidh, led by the band Mischief and Mayhem, from 7.30pm to 11pm. Tickets cost £9, including supper (bring your own alcoholic drinks), from Uplyme Stores, Raymonds Hill Post Office or Ginger Beer in Lyme Regis, or call 01297 445104.

View From a Teen with Lucy Littley

Hope

THE excitement of Christmas is well and truly over and, so far this year, there's not been a huge amount of positivity.

The world has seen horrific terror attacks, a seemingly never ending refugee crisis, and endless political debacles, all of which are dominating the headlines.

Personally, I am struggling with the thought of looming exams, and I know a lot of my peers are concerned what their future may hold. Whether we're young or old, hope is something that we all need to cling to, and sometimes we need a reminder of how important hope can be.

My granddad always says, "don't waste your time and energy worrying about things that you have no power of changing". This is a great motto to live by, and I believe if we all tried this, it would help us to realise and concentrate on the positives in life.

I thought this would be a good time to share a poem that my Nan has written recently:

When you're feeling weary, wherever you are,
Look up to the skies for the brightest star.
It's the Star of Hope - looking down on you,
Watching over all that you do.
Hope never fades, and Hope never dies,
And it's rays can pierce through the darkest of skies.
Hope never gives up and never gives in,
Regardless of all the mess you are in.
A good companion, faithful and true,
Wanting to share every moment with you.

Poem by Barbara Weinel

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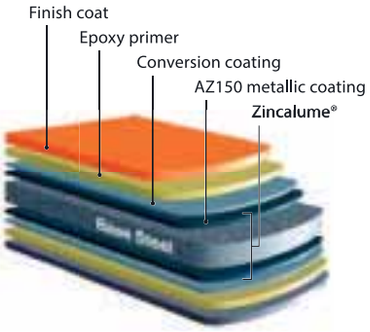

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Sensible solution to theatre dilemma

Lyme Matters

by Philip Evans

GIVING further financial support to the much loved but cash-strapped Marine Theatre was one of those decisions local councillors often face - they were damned if they did and damned if they didn't.

In the end they came up with a sensible compromise by agreeing to advance £15,000 from their already agreed 2019-20 grant to help the theatre through the very difficult period.

The council has a long-standing commitment of making a £30,000 annual grant to the theatre which will come up for review in 2020.

These are extremely tough times for businesses, especially small town theatres with other establishments in the South West facing similar challenges to our theatre by the sea. Entertainment complexes in Barnstaple, Ilfracombe and Ferndown have had to be rescued by their local councils in recent weeks.

The Marine is run by LymeArts Community Trust and their predicament was so acute that, had the council not come up with further support, they would have had to hand the keys back.

In my view that would not have been an acceptable position for the council, anxious to ensure that the Marine was able to continue if only for the local stage societies to have a venue in the future.

Lyme is, indeed, lucky to have a theatre that is operational 12 months a year. There can be few towns of Lyme's size which have such a facility.

One influencing factor which tipped the council's thinking was the appointment of new trustees, some with business experience and acumen, being led by successful Exeter businessman Nigel Clegg, who lives locally.

I know that the mayor, Owen Lovell, in particular, is very impressed with Mr Clegg and is confident that given time he and his new team will be able to turn things around at the Marine.

I am often accused of being anti-Marine Theatre, a criticism aimed at me because of my past views expressed in this column about accountability and the fact that I am acting chairman of the Woodmead Halls.

Let me make this clear. The Woodmead Halls is a community venue and not a theatre. In its present format, it will never be a theatre. It is already well patronised and would struggle coping with the theatre's level of activity.

Some have argued that it would be better to sell the Marine Theatre site for development and build a new theatre alongside the Woodmead Halls. That's not going to happen in my time.

There may be an opportunity for the two venues to work alongside each other and I am having lunch with Nigel Clegg on Friday to clear the air and perhaps discuss how the two organisations can work more closely. Who knows what might come from that?

In the meantime, the ***View from*** is trying to do its bit to publicise the Marine with a new column, View from the Marine, which appears on page 10.

■ THANK you to all those who posted a message of congratulations on Facebook to Jackie and I on the birth of our second granddaughter, Freya Rose Evans.
I met her for the first time on Sunday at my son's home in South London and she's a little darling, a dead ringer for our first grandchild, Ella Livia.
If anything will persuade me that it's time to contemplate retirement, then it's these two beautiful little girls who have come into our life.

Tales from football's hardman at the Davey Fort

DURING the course of my career I have met many professional sportsmen, especially footballers. To be honest, most of them are not the sharpest tools in the box and there have been very few who I would want to invite to dinner.

But there have been some exceptions. I published two books for former West Ham, Everton and England striker Tony Cottee, a really nice fella with a passion for the game and the club he supported as a youngster, West Ham.

In fact, many of the old West Ham players were really nice chaps, among them Tony Gale and Alvin Martin.

For a period in the 1990s I was a vice-president at Tottenham Hotspur when Paul Gascoinge and Gary Lineker were at their prime. Two very different characters. When Gazza got man-of-the match, which was often, he would stay for hours chatting to fans in the lounges. When Lineker got it, he couldn't get away quick enough.

Last Saturday I was privileged to welcome another great footballer of yesteryear - hardman defender Ron "Chopper" Harris.

He was the principal guest at a sporting night at Lyme Regis Football Club, where I am president, a fundraising event for the club's 'ProjectFortify' to improve facilities at the Davey Fort.

As part of the town council's generous grant of £100,000 over four years the club has to match-fund £12,000 for each of the three stages of the work. We have a almost raised the first £12,000 and a start will be made on building a new kitchen in the close season.

Ron was one of the Chelsea all-time greats and travels all over the country on the sporting speakers' circuit. He lives in Christchurch but travelled down to Lyme from a gig the night before in Newcastle, arriving at 2pm so he was able to watch the first team in action.

Supported by brilliant comedian Mike Pugh, he was an amusing and interesting speaker with loads of stories to tell about his 795 appearances for Chelsea.

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Tracey Grinter

"Extend it... 'cos it's only used in height of holidays when special things are on and visitors need to know."

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View of the week:

LEAPING FOR JOY, by Max Trafford

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Staples Stores was a lifeline to many

LIKE many of my fellow residents in Staples Terrace, including the surrounding district, I was devastated to discover the closure of the popular Staples Stores convenience store after 64 years of continuous use.

This shop has been a lifeline to a number of people with limited mobility, who used the store every day. Children and parents from the nearby St Michael's Primary School would come in after school to look for a special treat amongst the large confectionary selection.

The staff were always very helpful and informative. For some elderly people, this would be their only human contact all week.

However, the store could offer a secure future if it was run by an enterprising couple who held the freehold and had a liberal hand in purchasing stock.

Simon Beadles,
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QUARTERLY BUSINESS NEWS FROM WEST DORSET

BUY NOW, REGRET LATER

by Vicky Shaw, Press Association

THE January sales are over for another year - and while some people may be proudly showing off their new-found bargains, others could be counting the cost of "buyer's regret".

Shoppers typically over-spent £78 on items over the festive period, research from Santander suggests.

Walking to work, cancelling gym subscriptions and spending less on going out are just some of the ways people say they're cutting back.

A fifth (21%) of those surveyed say they will even cut back on festive spending in 2017 as a result of the amount spent over the Christmas just gone.

For some, the temptation to grab a bargain can have much more serious consequences.

Research from the Money and Mental Health Policy Institute, a charity founded by consumer champion Martin Lewis, has highlighted people's difficult relationships with online sales.

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It found nearly two-thirds (63%) of people who have made purchases they later regret do so because of sales. Nearly one in 10 (9%) say they always, or often, regret purchases they make online.

The speed and convenience of online shopping with a simple click of the "buy" button can be hard to resist.

Polly Mackenzie, director of the Money and Mental Health Policy Institute, says increased spending can also be a symptom of a number of mental health problems.

This type of spending isn't driven by people being "greedy", she says, but by their emotions - such as boredom, depression or loneliness.

The Institute found around half (48%) of people living with mental health problems say they make purchases they regret when they're alone. Just over half (52%) do so when they are feeling low and nearly a third (31%) do so while shopping at night.

Many people also struggle to return goods they regret buying, with three-quarters (75%) of people saying they didn't return the last online purchase they regretted.

While returning items may be one way to get your finances back on track, more than a quarter (28%) of those with mental health problems didn't return their last regretted online purchase because they felt too ashamed.

The Money and Mental Health Policy Institute has launched a free, experimental tool to help people control their spending.

The "shopper stopper" allows shoppers to set the opening hours of online stores, enabling them to block access at times they find purchases particularly hard to resist, such as the middle of the night.

Lewis says: "Many people shop to make themselves feel better in periods of depression, to give things to others or feel needed, or to fill the time when they're bored or lonely.

"But the boost it gives is transitory, while the financial pain it can cause lingers on and on."

More details about the shopper stopper tool can be found at www.shopperstopper.co.uk

• And if the goods you've bought in the sales turn out to be faulty, consumer group Which? has an online tool to help at www.which.co.uk/consumer-rights/advice/what-do-i-do-if-i-have-a-faulty-product.

The tool can be used to automatically generate a letter to send to the retailer requesting a refund, replacement or repair, where appropriate.

Vickie Sheriff, director of campaigns and communications at Which? says: "If you've bought or been given a dud, it's vital that you know your rights and act fast if something is not right."

Here are some general tips from ***Which?*** for those who have bought faulty products:

• You have the right to reject and return your item and get a refund within 30 days of purchase.

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This is going to be one of the biggest shake ups of the tax system for a generation. Currently over 11 million tax returns are issued every year with 43% received in the final month before the deadline, this is going to have to change.

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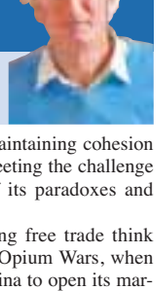
with monthly columnist Chris Boothroyd



THE world turned upside down? Or inside out, or back to front, or simply topsy-turvy?

At the recent 'World Economic Forum' in Switzerland, Xi Jinping – President of a nominally communist nation with a centralised economy – addressed the great, if not the good, of world business and finance. His message: global markets are inevitable; international free trade is essential; protectionism is "like locking oneself in a dark room".

Meanwhile in the USA, leading light of free-wheeling capitalism, its new President prepared to "tear up" multinational trade agreements, build a wall against his Mexican neighbours, and protect American jobs with large tariffs on imports. (Odd, isn't it, that such a Twitterer doesn't grasp that it's digital forces, artificial intelligence and robotics, with US companies to the fore, that destroy jobs?)

Not long before, that other standard-bearer for free trade, our own UK, had freely chosen to walk away from the largest trading bloc on the planet.

These two nations, now rejecting traditions a couple of centuries old, were always the most unbridled of capitalists: short-term investment for maximum owner and shareholder return, with little thought to the social responsibility of commerce and finance. Having sown the economic wind, the social whirlwind follows. The more balanced economies of continental Europe, such as Germany, France and Scandinavia, for the moment at least retain some stability.

Twentieth century communism self-destructed through its internal economic and social contradictions; now, capitalism is busy doing the same. Their joint legacy is the challenge of discovering how to use the world's human and material resources rationally: preserving the environment on which humanity depends, and maintaining cohesion within and between societies. Meeting the challenge will need a sense of history, of its paradoxes and myths.

Do the Chinese now advocating free trade think wryly of the nineteenth century Opium Wars, when British military power forced China to open its markets to western goods, in particular to opium from British India? The damage that opium caused the Chinese weighed little then against British merchant profits.

Do those who clamour for open trade with little regulation reflect that its most successful modern examples are in drugs, arms and people? The 'wisdom of the market' and its beneficial effects aren't always obvious...

Do protectionists ask how returning to old-style tariff barriers, deemed outdated a century ago, will work when internet-driven trade and finance cross borders in an instant? The roots of the digital economy lie in American innovation, largely funded by its military. Today, the most sophisticated and unrestrained coders and hackers are Russian and Chinese, servants of government, criminal groups and terrorists. Do tariffs and walls protect against that?

Nineteenth and twentieth century imperialists claimed to bring to their dominions useful trade, loving religion and good government: a claim partly true. Equally, much trade was theft of resources; imposed religion often destroyed positive ancient beliefs; and government could be cruelly corrupt.

Those of us raised on the sunny picture of imperial history, but living through later interest in its darker sides, could easily fear whatever new empire may emerge. Perhaps that of Google, Facebook, Amazon, their data brokers and advertisers? Or of China, restoring pre-17th Century times when two-thirds of global production came from the combined economies of China and India. Maybe, though, downsides to empire are not inevitable?

Remember those school-lessons about exploration and conquest? Columbus sailing the ocean blue in 1492? Magellan finding his way to the Pacific? Drake circling the world for Queen Elizabeth when not singeing the King of Spain's beard? Surely they were pioneers, intellectually adventurous and physically brave, 'discovering' the 'unknown', paving the way for global trade imposed by force and imperial control?

Not quite. Over 70 years before Columbus, Chinese Admiral Zheng He masterminded seven great global voyages. His largest fleet was around 300 ships (Columbus had three); most were huge (the height of their rudders about the same as the length of Columbus's flagship); they carried around 30,000 people (Columbus had 120). These teak-built monsters with watertight compartments held sailors, soldiers and traders, but the most important voyagers were linguists, mathematicians, astronomers, botanists, scholars, engineers, doctors, metallurgists – above all, surveyors and map-makers.

They variously crossed the Indian Ocean, rounded Africa, ranged the Atlantic from Greenland to the Antarctic, circled most of Australia and New Zealand, travelled the western seaboard of South and North America, and navigated the Arctic Ocean north of Scandinavia and Russia, then southwards via Japan. Archaeological and cultural marks of their passing occur throughout the world's great coastlines.

The Chinese fleets 'discovered' and mapped most of the world's oceans and shorelines long before Europeans did so. The precision of their maps suggest they found how to establish longitude at sea 300 years before John Harrison. And there's good evidence that, via Venice, those Chinese maps reached Europe and were in the hands of Columbus and his successors – not quite so pioneering, then!

That the Chinese, like other Asian peoples, like the Arabs, were for many centuries scientifically and technologically way ahead of Europeans isn't news, though it may do no harm occasionally to remind ourselves of that fact. The truly important aspect of Zheng He's voyages is that (unlike their European successors) they were not about conquest, or about seizing land and resources for the Emperor, or settling among the indigenous people – though they had the power to do that if they wished. Their extraordinary journeys sprang from intellectual curiosity, from wonder about the world, from a quest for shared knowledge and understanding.

Xi Jinping, speaking at a UN meeting in Geneva after visiting Davos, defined China's aim as to "build a community of shared future for mankind and... win-win development". Sardonic laughter? Justifiably, given China's recent history and current context. And yet... Are the words and actions of Donald Trump, or the cynicism of the Digital Dictators, any more reassuring? Would we take Drake's voyaging motives over those of Zheng He? History always gives us pause. Values do change. Hope outbids foreboding.

New rides for the Pedallers

AXE Valley Pedallers (AVP), the community cycling club for West Dorset and East Devon, has started 2017 by meeting the demands of local riders and adding a number of new rides to its weekly calendar.

A recent survey undertaken by the club showed that there was a keen appetite in the area for more rides, meaning that the distinctive yellow and red AVP club colours can now be seen riding in the area almost every day of the week.

Since its formation in 2005, the club has run weekly 'Wednesday Wibbler' and 'Friday Flyer' daytime rides, as well as road and mountain bike rides on Thursday evenings and monthly Sunday social rides.

Now included in AVP's new schedule are regular ladies rides, which have already attracted a number of new members who might have previously been put off by the male-dominated image that cycling sometimes presents.

Saturday morning coffee is always an attraction at a new weekly road ride starting at The Rousdon Village Bakery and, for those that like to venture off-road, AVP's mountain bikers have now added a Sunday morning ride to their weekly offering, while for the more serious road-biking speed merchants there is a new Tuesday evening 'chain-gang' ride.

Club chairman Jonathan Read-Bone said: "Having recently affiliated to British Cycling, with a new membership system in place and a very active presence on social media, the club has already attracted nearly 100 members for 2017.

"We've always been a club for all riders but with our new calendar of rides we really do have something for everyone, so we're really hoping to attract more local cyclists - new and experienced alike - to the club this year."

With a friendly and diverse membership of all ages and abilities, Axe Valley Pedallers attracts cyclists from Lyme Regis, Axminster, Seaton and their surrounding areas. The club's regular road and off-road rides take in routes covering the West Dorset, East Devon and South Somerset countryside.

For more information on Axe Valley Pedallers, visit the website www.axevalleypedallers.co.uk or find the club on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

Art society members try their hand at life drawing

MEMBERS of Lyme Regis Art Society enjoyed a meeting with a difference last week, as they were able to draw the model that came along with life artist Kat Heueston.

Kat fell in love with life drawing as a student and runs classes locally. She set members typical life-drawing exercises, starting with one minute gesture sketches aimed not at accuracy, but at creating a sense of movement with the feel of a 3D image.

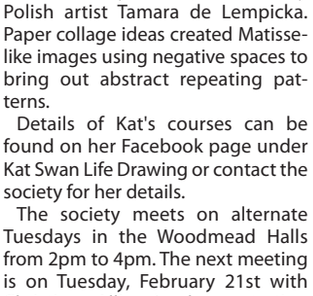
A second challenge was to draw without taking the charcoal off the paper whilst looking at the model, not the paper. The result looked distorted but this exercise created an awareness of separate body parts and a change in the usual style of working.

The third exercise, "seeing the mass", involved blocking in the figure, giving it bulk and weight using the side of the charcoal to create the whole form.

This was followed by a "mummy drawing ", so-called because, like the bandages around an Egyptian mummy, the drawing spiralled around the cylindrical forms that make up a body, creating a 3D effect.

The final exercise involved drawing only with straight lines and angles, constantly changing direction to create a strong-looking pose.

Kat's local courses run in 10-week terms. Each session has a different focus, some concentrating on ways of working with the model, others focused on different media. She treats



everyone as an individual and constantly circles around helping people.

After a tea break, members looked at life paintings created by some of Kat's students in the style of well-known artists such as Van Gogh, with strong hatch marks and complimentary colours, and Anita Klein, whose lighthearted work is exhibited in The Marine Gallery in Beer, and work by Polish artist Tamara de Lempicka. Paper collage ideas created Matisse-like images using negative spaces to bring out abstract repeating patterns.

Details of Kat's courses can be found on her Facebook page under Kat Swan Life Drawing or contact the society for her details.

The society meets on alternate Tuesdays in the Woodmead Halls from 2pm to 4pm. The next meeting is on Tuesday, February 21st with Christine Allison's demonstration "Birds of Prey".

Visitors and new members are always welcome. For further details, contact secretary Sheila Stratton on 01297 445464.

View from the churches

RECENTLY I watched a short film a friend had sent me. It was called '4.1 Miles', which is the distance between the Turkish coast and the Greek island of Lesbos.

In 2015, when the refugees began to come across from Syria, the Greek coastguards were completely unprepared. Most didn't have CPR training, their vessels didn't have thermal cameras or any equipment necessary for emergencies. But suddenly and dramatically, the crews were charged with keeping the small bit of water they patrolled from becoming a mass grave.

I cried as I watched men, women and children being pulled from ramshackle boats with fear in their eyes, freezing and uncomprehending. But worse was to come. When everyone else had been rescued, a woman was seen floating in the sea with two small children. Eventually they were pulled on board – the two children unconscious. The coastguards gave them CPR, and radioed for an ambulance to meet them on the quayside. Only one child survived.

What impacted me was the agonising panic when families became separated. One little boy could be heard shouting, "is dad here, is dad here, where's dad"? We may not hear about it now, because Donald Trump, Brexit and the crumbling NHS are the big news stories now, but this is still going on.

There was a period in the Old Testament when God's people were exiled from Israel and taken to Babylon. Psalm 137 is their lament as they struggled to live and worship God in an alien culture. You may know it from the Boney M song in the 1970s, "By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion". God rescued the people and brought them back to Jerusalem eventually.

Who is going to rescue those in exile from Syria and North Africa? Anyone can pray – I would ask you to lift them to God in prayer. Together let's pray for peace and restoration for the whole of the Middle East area.

An Alpha course, which enables people to discover what Christianity is all about, will be starting at Uplyme Church in the near future. Please phone our church office 01297 444499 to find out more details. Ash Wednesday Service at Axmouth Church - March 1st at 6.30pm. Women's World Day of Prayer with the topic –'Am I being Unfair to You?' prepared by Christian women of the Philippines - Uplyme Church, Friday, March 3rd from 11am to 12.30pm. All welcome.

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Hatha yoga and meditation is accessible to everyone, gentle stretching, focus on breathing techniques and relaxation will encourage a healthier approach to day to day life, and will start to release long term tension. Work on computers and driving are 2 of the main reasons for upper body tension. Gentle moving stretches assists our overall well-being and the more you are able to move, the more you want to! Guided relaxation and meditation together with simple breathing methods start to provide tools to keep mind and body in a more comfortable state, improving our immune system and defences against infection. Paul offers yoga classes, 2mornings, 2 afternoons and 2 evenings throughout the week, classes are drop-in although most find a favourite, with small groups of 8 and individual attention.

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For a full body workout to get us out for the spring – get Nordic walking! The NWUK-Nordic Walking 4 week learn to Nordic walk course is starting next Sunday 10am from the Garden Studio, you can book on line at NWUK, Bridport and our details or do give us a call or email to book a place. Each week you will learn a new aspect or technique so you can get the most out of walking with poles, we provide the poles for the course. Register online with us NWUK/exercise anywhere to get regular emails.

For those with poles there is also a social walk in the Allington Hill area, meeting at 10am too. Nordic walking uses poles and provides a full body workout with minimum stress, working with shoulders upper body and arms while using up more calories with less effort, it's a win win! Contact Paul and Julia on 01308 538112 / 07734511287 info@gardenstudiosbridport.co.uk www.gardenstudiosbridport

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Women's health issues top internet searches

by Abi Jackson, Press Association

OF all the health queries we chuck at Dr Google, women's health issues top the list.

In fact, things relating just to women are Googled more often in the UK than very common ailments like coughs, colds and rashes (endometriosis - a condition, believed to affect one in 10 women, where endometrial tissue, the inner womb lining, also grows outside the womb, is among the most-searched health term, with around 90,500 searches a month).

It's something leading UK gynaecologist Dr Karen Morton, and her team at the Dr Morton's medical helpline, is hoping to address.

One of a handful of private digital GP practices that have cropped up over the last couple of years, offering people the chance to gain quick, convenient access to doctors via phone or email consultations (some services even do video link-ups, though Dr Morton's doesn't currently), she says it was "always my intention" the helpline would eventually "have an emphasis on women's health".

"We wanted to get the general practice service sorted first, and then really claim the women's health space, because I'm passionate about empowering women to get on with their lives," explains Dr Morton, who has 25 years' experience working across both the NHS and private sector.

MEETING DEMAND: The growth of online private services may not only play a role in helping relieve the burden on the NHS, and offer greater convenience to people who'd rather pay for an appointment if it means they don't have to wait for weeks and clear space in their diary to get there - but in terms of women's health, the benefits might go even further.

The Google stats, Dr Morton points out, are evidence that lots of women have unanswered questions about their health. While they're significantly more likely to go and see their GP than men (70% of all GP appointments are for women), females are also famous 'putter-uppers', and often don't want to make a fuss.

And gynaecology is a field where there are many things that while not medically serious, can have a tremendous impact on somebody's life (menopause symptoms, problematic periods...), and can cause immense worry if somebody doesn't really understand what's going on, especially, for example, if women are concerned about their future fertility, or cancer.

GOOD TO TALK: An obvious criticism of paid-for internet GP services is that talking to a patient over the phone can never fully match seeing them in the flesh. As well as physical examinations being impossible, somebody's physical appearance or mood, for instance, might reveal potentially relevant insights. Dr Morton is well aware of this fact, but is confident the benefits outweigh any cons.

Of the 13 or so patients she saw in her gynae clinic this morning, for example, at least a few of them had problems they'd been "fobbed off" with by their GP.

"I'm not knocking GPs, the GP brief is far too big, [but] they

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can't possibly be experts in specialist fields and gynaecology, in some regards, is a specialist field," she says. "Some things GPs are dealing with a lot, but one lady, for example, had had painful sex, and she'd been fobbed off with lubricants and creams and this, that and the other, or was it all in her head, and no it wasn't - she's got a physical vaginal split, which I can easily remedy for her and her life will be transformed.

"Of course, I can't do the operation over the phone, but I can advise her really clearly on what to do next."

EMPOWERING WOMEN: In many ways, this is the crux of what Dr Morton's helpline is offering women - knowing they're paying for an expert's time, and they can ask all their questions and raise all of their concerns (there's no time limit on phone calls - they last as long as the customers need).

Something like urinary incontinence - which affects a significant number of women to varying degrees - might be a good example. "A lot of people feel they're wasting GPs' time, because they leak urine when they cough, sneeze and jump, and they think, 'Is this bad enough for me to go and speak to my GP about, because they're so busy?' And that's a tragedy, really, because we only get one life," says Dr Morton.

"And there are lots of things with women where confidence becomes zapped because of leakage or something like that, or because they're having such dreadful hot flushes in the workplace, and so their confidence deteriorates."

Where physical examinations, or scans and tests, are deemed necessary, referrals can be issued for customers with health insurance, and for those without, Dr Morton explains they will write a letter for the person to take to their GP, so they can request an NHS referral.

"Hopefully we will have empowered them [to go and have that conversation with their GP]," says Dr Morton.

"Empowerment is a really big word in our service," she adds. "It means a great deal to get a bit of reassurance from an expert viewpoint, just to help people really understand their health, what questions to ask next and what their options are."

And for those who feel they just have to "put up" with something, there might be surprisingly simple - but life-changing - solutions, if only somebody had the chance to properly talk it through. Even when there really isn't much that can be done, just "understanding it more" could bring psychological relief.

"Knowledge," says Dr Morton, "is power".

•Dr Morton's gynaecologists are available between 7pm-11pm Monday to Friday, and 11am-3pm on weekends. Phone consultations, £50; email consultations, £25. For more information, visit www.drmortons.co.uk.

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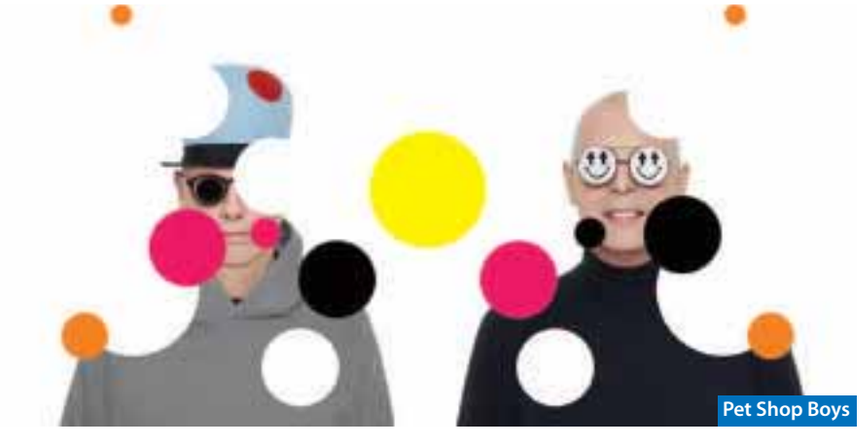
A brand-new era for Bestival at new Lulworth home

BESTIVAL, based on the Isle of Wight for the past decade, has been given the green light for a move to its new home at the Lulworth Castle estate – the home of sister festival Camp Bestival.

It's a brand-new era, so prepare for the truly immersive experience of Bestival 2017. Announcing four incredible headliners and a huge bill of amazing music, we are entering a new chapter of light and sound, exploring the wonders of Colour on our mission to increase the peace this September 7th – 10th at the Lulworth Estate, Dorset.

Rob da Bank says: "Well what an adventure this promises to be… we have a beautiful new home with a massive castle in the middle of it, acres of beautiful woodland and forest, a sea view and the dramatic Jurassic coastline. Going back to our roots with Josie da Bank's hand-drawn artwork, reviving all our favourite stages from 14 years of Bestival history and going out with all our headliners for the first time ever together, we're pretty excited at Bestival HQ. From pop to grime, hip-hop to techno, folk to classical and every style in between we are reclaiming our place as the funnest, most adventurous, musically savvy and downright magical festival on the map. Please come along for the ride. and remember Increase the Peace".



Pet Shop Boys

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Commenting on their headline performance, The xx said: "Bestival was one of the first festivals we played, back in 2010, and it had always been a dream for us…we even begged to play the previous year. In 2012 we returned to play the main stage and we're so happy to say we'll be headlining this year, at the new site in Dorset. The Isle of Wight will hold a special place in our hearts but we're excited to bring our new show to their new home".

Guaranteed to be momentous, hip-hop heroes A Tribe Called Quest will headline Saturday at Bestival 2017, performing what will be their last UK Show.

Bringing the debut mainland Bestival to a suitably triumphant close, organisers are completely over the moon to announce synth-pop geniuses Pet Shop Boys as Sunday night headliners. Quite simply legends, we think they're the perfect band to bring some mind-blowing colour to our first Lulworth Estate finale!

Commenting on their headline show, Pet Shop Boys said: "Amazingly it is over ten years since we last played Bestival but we remember it being one of the most enjoyable festivals ever. Looking forward to bringing our new show there this year – and seeing how the audience has decided to dress up!"

And completing 2017's fantastic foursome of first-time headliners organisers are delighted to announce Wimbledon's finest, Jamie T will be the man kicking it all off with an exclusive performance topping the Thursday night bill on second stage, The Box.

There'll also be mind-blowing live music from super suave Gallic funksters Justice, plus, Dizzee Rascal, DJ Shadow, Little Dragon, Danny Brown, Rag'n'Bone Man, Laura Mvula, Soul II Soul, MNEK, Circa Waves, Ray BLK, Lucy Rose, and Charlotte Church's Late Night Pop Dungeon among many, many others.

And there will be DJ sets from Annie Mac, Andy C presents 25 Years of RAM, Kurupt FM, David Rodigan presents RAM JAM, DJ Yoda, Maceo Plex, Jackmaster, Kölsch, Dusky, Toddla T presents Carnival, Artwork presents Art's House, Sink the Pink and loads more to boot. Check the line-up so far listing at the end of this press release for even more names playing across the weekend.

Redrawing the favourite party in the spirit of its original pioneering vision, Bestival's creative essence will explode before your very eyes with a cavalcade of brilliant new stages, incredible destinations and stone cold classics, including our brand new main stage The Castle Stage, the eclectic wonders of The Box, the hands in the air nirvana of Temple, Bestival's heart and soul, Bollywood, and the righteous vibrations of Reggae Roots.

Back by very popular demand HMS Bestival is the last word in off the hook partying, plus you can dance like there's no tomorrow in new venues The Frozen Mole and Stacey's, delve into the vintage madness of Caravanserai, and Club DaDa, and kick back in the enchanting Ambient Forest, and at our steam punk vision, Oberon's Observatory.

Bestival 2017 is a whole new world to explore and to keep you on your toes we'll also have the dazzling delights of The World's Biggest Confetti Canon, Castle Fireworks Finale, the Love-Bot, The World's Biggest Bouncy Castle, Bestival Inflatable Church, Confetti Wedding Disco, The Feast Collective, Slow Motion, Revolution Rides, Carnival Day Parade and Night Parades, the Sugar Skulls Cocktail Bus, Sunday Best Cardboard Record Shop, Lost in the Woods, Ancient Woodlands, Free Haircuts, Campsite Recycling Hubs, Kids' Field and for all you vexillophiles out there, Flags by Angus Watt.

Celebrating the move to our new home at the Lulworth Estate, we are offering a couple of special one-off ticket deals. For the next 48-hours only (that's from 7.30am Thursday 9th February to 7am Saturday 11th February) you can grab your Bestival weekend ticket for £150 (plus booking fee), or £190 (plus booking fee) if you want to throw in coach travel from Birmingham, Brighton, Bristol, Cardiff, London, Newport (IOW), Oxford, Portsmouth, Reading, Ryde or Southampton. These deals are only available from Ticketline so, what are you waiting for? Grab your ticket now!

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The Venues & The Gigs

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Saturday 18 Feb
Crown Inn, Bridport
Bad Intention 9.30pm

Nag's Head, Lyme Regis
Truthseekers 9pm

Saturday 18 Feb
Spice Centre, Dorchester
Bernardo plays continental guitar
8pm onwards, free entry.

Sunday 19 Feb
Crown Inn, Bridport
Avid Bowie 4pm

Saturday 25 Feb
Nag's Head, Lyme Regis
Adam Sweet 9pm

Crown Inn, Bridport
Crimson on Silver 9.30pm

Spice Centre, Dorchester
Bernardo plays continental guitar
8pm onwards, free entry.

Sunday 26 Feb
Crown Inn, Bridport
Andy Grant Trio 4pm

Saturday 4 March
Nag's Head, Lyme Regis
Blue Deal 9pm

Crown Inn, Bridport
The Perfect Strangers 9.30pm

Spice Centre, Dorchester
Bernardo plays continental guitar
8pm onwards, free entry.

Sunday 5 March
Crown Inn, Bridport
Jamming at the Crown 4pm

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Silver St, Lyme Regis
Tel 01297 442312
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Saturday 4th March
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Sunday 19th February, 4pm
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Saturday 25th February, 9.30pm
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www.lemonrock.com/crowninn
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Pantomime Society set sail

LYME REGIS PANTOMIME SOCIETY sets sail on a swashbuckling adventure this week, as they bring their 2017 Pantomime 'Robinson Crusoe' to the Marine Theatre.

The story follows the adventures of Robinson as he sets of on a journey to find his fortune and win the hand of his sweetheart, battling pirates and ferocious storms along the way.

Featuring an array of local talent, this show is looking like being one of their best yet. With traditional characters such as the lovable village idiot, Panto Dame, thigh-slapping hero, and villainous baddy to name a few, an energetic chorus, comedy, music, dance and vibrant scenes, this is sure to be a great show for all ages.

Robinson Crusoe opens TONIGHT, Wednesday, February 15th, at 7.30pm and will be staged nightly until Saturday 18th, with a matinee Saturday afternoon at 2.30pm

Tickets are available on the door or from Martin Diplock's 01297 33286, priced £10 adults, £5 children, and £9 senior citizens Wednesday to Friday.

Availability is limited so ring and reserve yours to avoid disappointment.

The Poetry of Plays

IN THE first joint fundraiser between Dorchester Arts and Dorchester Community Plays Association (DCPA) playwrights Stephanie Dale and David Edgar will demonstrate how drama shares many of the elements and structures of poetry.

Illustrating the evening, local actors will read from classical, contemporary and community plays. David and Stephanie will show how these plays use similar techniques to poetry to communicate meaning, such as drawing unexpected connections between different elements. The evening will be followed by a Q&A session with the authors and actors.

Rowan Seymour of DCPA commented that "this is the first joint fundraiser between Dorchester Arts and the DCPA and we are very excited at the prospect of hearing some of this country's leading playwrights talking about the approaches used to write great plays."

Stephanie Dale writes for stage, radio and large-scale theatre and is currently writing Spinning the Moon, the seventh Dorchester Community Play. She has also written numerous Afternoon Dramas for BBC Radio Four.

David Edgar is one of Britain's leading playwrights who has written extensively for The National Theatre, The Royal Shakespeare Theatre and many others. His best-known work includes a multi-award winning adaptation of Charles Dickens's Nicholas Nickleby.

The Poetry of Plays comes to Dorchester Corn Exchange on Friday, February 17th at 8pm.

Tickets are £10 and are available from the Dorchester Arts box office on 01305 266926, in person at the Corn Exchange (weekdays 10am - 4pm) or via www.dorchesterarts.org.uk.

Brit-Award winner Beverley Craven to perform in Dorchester

BRIT-Award winner Beverley Craven is back on the road performing a handful of select venues in 2017 as she continues to promote her acclaimed latest album 'Change of Heart'.

Beverley is looking forward to performing her new songs live alongside timeless classics Promise Me, Holding On, Woman To Woman, Love Scenes and many more.

With a witty narrative and unforgettable melodies, her poignant sentiments will leave you with a warm glow of nostalgia, or maybe even the odd tear.

Beverley Craven performs at Dorchester Corn Exchange on Sunday, March 11th. Doors and bar open 7.30pm, music from 8pm.

Tickets are £22.50 or £20.50 for members and concessions.

For more details or to book call 01305 266926 or visit the website at www.dorchesterarts.org.uk

Comedy, Cabaret, Chaos

Slightly Fat Features return to Lyme Regis with Variety by the Sea

THE EVER-POPULAR Variety by the Sea returns to Lyme Regis this February.

An extraordinary array of acts will appear on the stage at The Marine Theatre. You name it they have it in the show. Hilarious comedy acts, staggering stunts, original live music and controlled mayhem to dazzle and delight.

The producer and host, Goronwy Thom says "this will be our fifth show at the theatre and when I started the shows here I didn't know the appetite for cabaret would be so huge. We sold very well the first time and ever since! We have had a loyal audience of all ages and they have witnessed some amazing nights of cabaret. So come and see what it's all about"

The stars of the show are multi-award winning comedy troupe Slightly Fat Features, who have toured the World including regularly in Londons West End, at the Edinburgh Festival, Just For Laughs Montreal and they are also appearing this year on Sunday night at the London Palladium in June.

They are bringing variety into the 21st century, so don't miss this one chance in 2017 to see them in Lyme up close and personal.

So come in from out of the winter cold and get warm with laughter and applause.

Variety by the Sea comes to the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Thursday, February 23rd at 7.30pm. Tickets are £13 and £11, available by calling 01297 442138 or by calling www.marinetheatre.com

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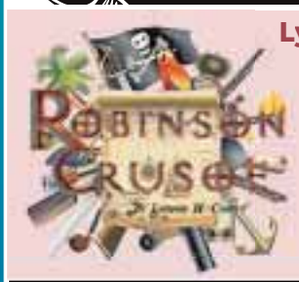
what's on this week...



Lyme Regis Panto Society presents
ROBINSON CRUSOE
Wednesday 15th February
-Saturday 18th February
7.30pm (2.30pm matinee on Saturday)
Tickets available from
Martin Diplock Estate Agents,
Broad Street

coming soon...

STORYTELLING IN THE BAR
with RON BAKER
WEDS 22nd FEBRUARY
Full Price: £9 Concessions: £7
Tickets on the door only

SLIGHTLY FAT FEATURES VARIETY
THU 23RD FEB, 7.30pm
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Comedy cabaret fun for all ages

CHEKOV SHORTS
SUNDAY 26TH FEBRUARY, 7.00pm
Full Price: £15
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or buy online at www.marinetheatre.com
Please note that a 10% booking fee applies to all online and TIC bookings

Nicky Sweetland's

Showtime

ON THE SHOWBIZ BEAT

Local talents come good on the big stage

■ WITH HER BUDDIES: Celia-Cruwys-Finnigan (right) with the cast of *Buddy*

I GET to see lots of local theatre and I'm often blown away by the wealth of talent in the area.

We have a number of former professionals, who now grace the amateur stages around here, bringing a fantastic quality to our community shows, including the fabulous Amy Wheatley, who starred in Bridport Pantomime Players' *Red Riding Hood* just a couple of weeks ago and the fabulous Nicola Kathrens, who wowed audiences with her performance in Lyme's *Tempest* last summer.

There are also a few who I believe are good enough to cut it in the professional world including the indomitable Tracey Wakeling who will soon be appearing in *Thoroughly Modern Millie* at the Marine Theatre, Exmouth's Lance Vernon, who has got to be one of the best leading men in the area and Kelly Apps, whose portrayal of Eva Peron in Lyme Regis Musical Theatre's *Evita* has become the stuff of local legend.

Some do make the leap to the professional stage and it's always fantastic when my two worlds collide and I'm able to see friends in big shows in London and further afield.

Bridport's tap dancing sensation, Harry Poole is currently training at the Stella Mann College in London, former Woodroffe student, Celia Cruwys-Finnigan is touring the UK in the fantastic jukebox musical *Buddy*, and Perry Meadowcroft from Exmouth is set to make his West End debut in the Spring.

Alec Porter from North Bowood, was critically acclaimed last summer for his role in the musical *Crime and Punishment - A Rock Musical*, with music by Toyah Wilcox and after breaking both his ankles, is looking forward to getting back to the stage. Robbie Waugh from Axminster is working for Celebrity Cruises and travelling around the Caribbean performing popular musicals to lucky guests onboard ship.

■ HERE'S A SCOOP: Toyah Wilcox and Alec Porter at *The Scoop* open air theatre in London

And then there's Lyme Regis' Luke Street, who after performing in the highly acclaimed West End production of *Gypsy* with Imelda Staunton is now set to take the lead himself in the international tour of a smash hit musical.

I'm not allowed to reveal which one quite yet, so keep your eyes peeled for details.

I've been lucky enough to perform with many of these excellent young actors and I'm afraid they may have learned some unsavoury habits from me, as I'm notoriously badly behaved backstage.

I'd like to think I could always see their potential, but also the drive it takes to make it on the professional stage. The appetite for success is a big part of the business, as even the most well known actors will spend much of their careers out of work.

I've interviewed lots of stars and many of them talk frankly about the lack of work. I asked Maureen Lipman last year about what had enticed her back to pantomime at Christmas and she told me it was the guaranteed work and money that had ultimately made up her mind.

I also once asked Ruthie Henshall if she had any tips for youngsters starting out in the business and her reply was, "You've got to love it. You'll spend a lot of time out of work and you will spend a lot of time doubting yourself, because part of our job is rejection."

"You've got to eat, sleep, breath it and love it, because otherwise you won't last long."

It's a tough business, but one of the greatest jobs in the world and amateur theatre can act as a good grounding for those who would like to take up the profession.

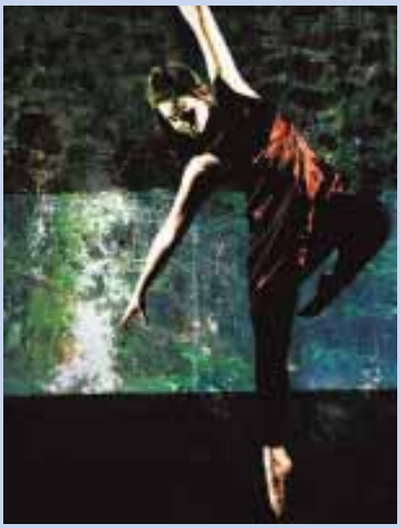
For us mere mortals we have to be happy with just the joy of performing and it is such a joy. There's nothing quite like putting on a ridiculous costume and pretending to be someone else for a couple of hours.

There are an abundance of groups to choose from in the area and if you would like to have a go, most of them have their own websites and social media accounts, so are easy to find.

I've just arrived in Australia for a few days, so I'm off to see *Aladdin* at the Capital Theatre in Sydney next week as well as a highly acclaimed production of the *Testament of Mary* by Sydney Theatre Company.

I'll probably have a little mooch around the Opera House while I'm here too!

Dancing Dreams



'DREAMS' is a collaborative production by Nikki Northover with additional choreography by Aimee Symes, Rebecca Whaley, Luke Robson and Matt Flint. Contemporary and tap dance will feature together with stunning music by local composers Matt Benjamin, Jack Harrison and Andrew Dickson.

Bridport Youth Dance and Bridport Boys Dance present 'Dreams' on Friday, March 3rd at 7.30pm, and Saturday, March 4th at 3pm and 7.30pm at Bridport's Electric Palace.

Tickets are £12.50 in advance for adults and £13 on the door, and £8.50 advance or £9 door students and children (inc. booking fee).

Tickets available from Bridport TIC Tel: 01308 424901 or The Electric Palace Tel: 01308 428354 or online via the website at www.bridportelectricpalce.org.uk/theatre

Dreams is supported by West Dorset District Council, Bridport Town Council, The Rex Trevett Appeal Fund and Bridport Lions Club.

Bridport Folk Festival Fundraiser

An evening of folk music at it's very best with Ninebarrow

Ninebarrow

HIGH-RISING and wonderfully talented duo Ninebarrow, twice BBC Radio 2 Folk Award Finalists, will grace the stage at the Town Hall, Bridport on Friday, February 24th.

Folk guru Mike Harding described them in his inimitable way as "Damn Fine!" The Concert is to raise funds for the Bridport Folk Festival to be held in August 11th to 13th in aid of the RNLI.

Ninebarrow will be supported by Bridport's own highly regarded Folk Band 'Acoustic Rooster'.

Tickets are £12 on the door, or £10 in advance from Bridport TIC or Bridport Music. South Street.

For more details email folkbridport2017@gmail.com

Theatre and Cake?

ARE YOU a fan of quirky theatre or cake? Bridport Arts Centre is staging a theatre piece that explores advertising, brand identity and consumer choice, inspired by David Foster Wallace's short story Mister Squishy.

The show is an absurd comedy with a dark heart, it looks at the absurdity of life and consumer culture with humanity and humour. It is dark, unsettling and playful portrait of an ordinary man caught up in the modern world.

TOOT have a distinctive style of interactive performance, that provokes audiences to consider whether a real connection is possible a the click of a button.

They invite you to sit back, eat (individually wrapped, luxury) cake, and see a man gradually relinquish the delusion that he matters in the slightest.... And then go back to watching kitten videos on Facebook.

Bridport Arts Centre's Programme Manager, Gemma Aldred said "For people not familiar with the Mr Squishy books, expect a dark and absurd exploration of modern life, loneliness and market research! You really don't want to miss out on this show … Oh and there's cake!"

Focus Group will be performed at Bridport Arts Centre on Saturday, February 18th at 8pm. Tickets are £12 or £10, available by calling 01308 424204 or online at www.bridport-arts.com

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This week's new cinema

HIDDEN FIGURES PG
THE STORY of a team of African-American women mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the US space program.
Stars Taraji P Henson, Octavia Spencer and Janelle Monáe.

JOHN WICK: CHAPTER 2 15
AFTER returning to the criminal underworld to repay a debt, John Wick discovers that a large bounty has been put on his life.
Stars Keanu Reeves, Riccardo Scamarcio and Ian McShane.

THE GREAT WALL 12A
EUROPEAN mercenaries searching for black powder become embroiled in the defense of the Great Wall of China against a horde of monstrous creatures.
Stars Matt Damon, Tian Jing and Pedro Pascal.

THE FOUNDER 12A
THE story of Ray Kroc, a salesman who turned two brothers' innovative fast food eatery, McDonald's, into one of the biggest restaurant businesses in the world with a combination of ambition, persistence, and ruthlessness.
Stars Michael Keaton, Nick Offerman and John Carroll Lynch.

Cinema Listings

Fri, Feb 24th - Thu, Mar 2nd
ALL LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DORCHESTER PLAZA
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Fifty Shades Darker 18
Daily: 13.45, 17.45, 20.15
Hidden Figures PG
Daily: 16.45, 19.45
John Wick: Chapter 2 12A
Daily: 14.00, 20.00
Moana: Sing-A-Long 2D PG
Daily: 11.00am
Sing 2D U
Fri-Wed: 11.45, 14.45
Thu: 11.45am
The Great Wall 12A
Daily: 20.45
The Lego Batman Movie U
Daily: Fri-Tue, Thu: 11.15, 14.15, 17.15
Wed: 14.45, 17.15
The Space Between Us PG
Fri-Tue: 11.00, 17.00
Wed, Thu: 17.00

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Fifty Shades Darker 18
Fri, Sat: 18.15, 20.30, 21.15
Sun, Mon, Wed: 15.10, 18.15, 20.30, 21.15
Tue, Thu: 12.45, 18.15, 20.30, 21.15
John Wick: Chapter Two 15
Daily: 21.00
La La Land 12A
Mon: 12.15
Moana PG
Fri, Sat, Sun: 10.00am
Sing 2D U
Fri-Sun: 10.50, 13.20, 15.50
Mon-Thu: 15.50
The Great Wall 12A
Fri-Sun: 12.45, 18.30
Mon, Wed: 18.30
Tue, Thu: 10.45, 18.30
The Lego Batman Movie U
Fri-Sun: 10.30, 13.00, 15.30, 18.00
Mon-Thu: 13.00, 15.30, 18.00

WEYMOUTH CINEWORLD
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Ballerina U
Fri-Sun: 10.00am
Fifty Shades Darker 18
Fri, Sat, Mon, Wed: 12.30, 15.15, 18.00, 19.00, 20.00, 20.45
Sun: 12.10, 14.50, 18.00, 19.00, 20.00, 20.45
Tue: 12.30, 15.15, 18.00, 20.00, 20.45
Thu: 12.30, 15.15, 18.00, 20.45
Hidden Figures PG
Fri-Sun 11.40, 14.30, 17.20, 20.15
Mon-Thu: 14.30, 17.20, 20.15
John Wick: Chapter 2 15
Fri-Sun: 11.30, 14.20, 18.10, 21.00
Mon-Thu: 12.30, 15.20, 18.10, 21.00
La La Land 12A
Fri-Sun: 19.50, Mon, Wed, Thu: 13.30, 19.50, Tue: 13.00, 19.50
Lion PG
Fri-Sun: 19.30, Mon-Thu: 14.30, 19.30
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Sing 2D U
Fri-Sun: 11.40, 13.00, 14.10, 15.30, 16.50
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T2: Trainspotting 18
Fri-Mon, Wed: 17.10, Tue: 20.20
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The Founder 12A
Fri-Sat: 15.10, 17.50, 20.30
Sun: 13.00, 15.30, 18.00
Mon-Thu: 12.20, 15.10, 17.50, 20.30
The Great Wall 2D 12A
Fri-Sun: 11.10, 16.10, 18.30, 20.50
Mon-Thu: 16.10, 18.30, 20.50
The Great Wall 3D 12A
Fri-Thu: 13.40
The Lego Batman Movie 2D U
Fri-Sun: 11.20, 12.20, 14.00, 15.00, 16.30, 17.30
Mon, Wed, Thu: 12.30, 15.00, 16.30, 17.30
Tue: 12.30, 15.00, 17.10
The Space Between Us PG
Fri: 10.15am, Sat: 12.20
Trolls U Fri-Sun: 10.10am

It's a positive start for new antiques fair

CHOOSING Axminster Guildhall proved to be a good decision for Meadow Fairs.

Having previously staged antiques, collectables and decorative fairs outside of Devon, the company decided to try Axminster.

The first fair was held on Saturday, January 28th and organiser Nigel Hole said he was very pleased. He had 24 stall holders and up to 300 visitors.

Mr Hole said: "We know the hall in Axminster, so thought we'd give it a go.

"We are very pleased. The number of visitors was more than expected, it being the first one and the roadworks."

At the time of the fair, West Street was one-way and Mr Hole said: "Some got confused by the roadworks, but they got there in the end.

"We are already getting bookings, not only for March but for May and October too.

"We are looking forward to the next one when we hope to redesign it, and possibly use the stage as well, to get more stalls in."

The fair will return on March 4th, May 20th and October 7th.

NIGEL Hole and trader Paul Hallett in Axminster Guildhall

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UNTIL SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18TH

BUCKLAND NEWTON: Piddle Valley Players proudly presents Guys and Dolls, at Buckland Newton Village Hall, 7pm. £10 including refreshments. Tickets from Old Chapel Stores, Buckland Netwon and Piddletrenthide Post Office from January.

UNTIL WEDNESDAY MARCH 1ST

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis's Town Mill is proud to host its second Printmakers Open. This unique exhibition will showcase over 50 of the best West Country printmakers and feature work made using the full range of different print techniques (etching, silkscreen, linocut, monoprint). Open daily 10.30-4.00. Free admission. The Malthouse Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU
LYME REGIS: Coastline is a 2D and 3D art exhibition by over 20 Dorset and Devon artists who are responding to the iconic Jurassic Coast, its people and local history, its geology and palaeontology, its colours, shapes and rhythms. Open daily 10.30-4.00. Free admission. The Courtyard Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15TH

EYPE, NEAR BRIDPORT: West Dorset Decorative & Fine Arts Society lecture. 'The Glasgow Girls' speaker Jennie Spiers. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.
MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport & District Gardening Club meeting at the Women's Institute Hall, North Street, 7.30pm. Speaker Emily Morris on 'The Donkey Sanctuary'.
PORTLAND: Open Day at The Islanders Club for Young People, East Weare Road, Verne Common, Portland DT5 1ES from 11 to 2pm. All are welcome to come and see what's on offer, both for young people and for the wider community. All facilities, including activity room, sports hall, meeting room, tv lounge and kitchen will be open for inspection and are available for hire. The club is also looking for volunteers, so if you are interested in helping out come and have a look.
DORCHESTER: A talk will be given by Oliver Smart on "The Science and Beauty of Birds" . At St George's Church Hall, Fordington at 7.45pm. A fascinating talk on the adaptation,evolution and physiology of birds and the rewards of bird photography.Admission £3-00 members, £3-50 visitors to include coffee and biscuits.All welcome.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17TH

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Martinstown Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.
LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club talk. Speaker Simon Emmett, local photographer. At Woodmead Halls DT7 3PG.
ASKERSWELL: Stott Pilates, Askerswell Village Hall 9:30 to 10:30am. Book or turn up on the day. Every Friday. For more details call 07585356929 or email Debbie.rushen@googlemail.com
SUTTON POYNTZ, WEYMOUTH: Stephen Fearing in concert at Mission Hall, 8pm. Tickets £13 available by calling 01305 837299.
SOUTH PERROTT: Family Bingo at South Perrott Village Hall. Eyes down 6.30pm. For more details call 01935 891224.
CHICKERELL: Anything Accordion evening at Victoria Inn, 7pm. A get together for Accordion enthusiasts to chat or play, listen or socialise, bring their own instrument or try one of the eight in my private collection. Call Clive wheeler for info, 07758134593.
BROADWINDSOR: Film: 'Bridget Jones' Baby' cert 15. Showing at Broadwinsor Comrades Hall, 7.30pm. Tickets £6 on the door. For more details call 01308 867644.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18TH

WEYMOUTH: Talk by John Smith on the Channel Dash 1942, at Weymouth Library 10.30am. For more details call 01305 832613. Reserve a place at the library desk, payment on booking preferred. Details on FOWL membership available from The Secretary or on noticeboard in the library
BOTHENHAMPTON: Film: 'The Girl on the Train' at Bothenhampton Village Hall. £4 for film club members, £5 for everybody else. For more details call 01308 423071. Organised by Bothenhamptn Village Hall Committee.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 20TH

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 426390.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: The Devon and Dorset Old Comrades Association meeting. The association meets every third Monday of the month at 11am at Haddon House in West Bay.
BRIDPORT: Bridport Folk Dance Club meets at 7.30-9.30 pm in the WI Hall, North Street, Bridport. Enjoy folk dancing mainly in the English tradition from Playford-style to modern-day compositions at Bridport's long-established weekly club, with club callers and recorded music and frequently on last Mondays of the month live music with guest callers. No partner or previous experience required. Membership available giving admission at £2.50, otherwise £3.00. Contact Jane on 01308 898 002 or Monty on 01308 423 442.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21ST

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. WI Hall, George Street. 10.15am. For more details call 01308 426390.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22ND

UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society's first talk of 2017, by Steve Griffiths of Abbotsbury Gardens, at Uplyme Village Hall at 7.30pm. This is entitled "Four Head Gardeners Explore the Wilds of Chile", and will describe the adventures of Steve and three companions who retraced the steps of William Lobb, a noted Victorian plant hunter. Tea and biscuits will be available, members enter free but visitors pay £3.
MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23RD

DORCHESTER: Dorchester Community Church in Acland Road invite you to come along to a seminar which is being taken by David Sinclair. David has been along several times before and is an excellent speaker . His subject this time will be "Who am I anyway? An exploration into identity and self-esteem. David is a member of the team of Wessex Psychotherapy and Counselling Services who offer professional therapy in Dorset and South Somerset. All are welcome ... there is no charge for this evening event. 7pm-9pm.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 24TH

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Martinstown Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.
WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.
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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25TH

UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society Ceilidh with music from Mischief and Mayhem in Uplyme Village Hall, from 7:30-11pm. Tickets are £9, to include supper (BYO alcohol), from Uplyme and Raymonds Hill Post Offices, Ginger Beer in Lyme Regis, or ring 01297 445104.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport Vintage Sunday 10am-4pm. The shops and Red Brick Cafe at St Michaels Trading Estate will be open, come and spend your afternoon with us!

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BRIDPORT: A Box Full of Wonders - NT Archaeological discoveries in the South West. Talk by Nancy Grace, National Trust Archaeologist. Nancy has worked for the National Trust since 1986. Her work has taken her from Gloucester to Cornwall mainly on the collections, excavations and public events. Her talk will concentrate on the work done in Dorset with information about sites excavated in other parts of the South West. Presented by the Golden Cap Association (West Dorset) Bridport United Church Main Hall, East St, 2.30pm. Non-members welcome. Visitors £3 includes tea or coffee and biscuits. For further information 01308 863577

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NEW RECRUIT

JEREMY Smith, Partner at Symonds & Sampson in Beaminster is seen here welcoming here his latest recruit Liz Richards who has recently joined the staff in Beaminster. Jeremy commented "we are extremely pleased to welcome Liz aboard. She has recently moved into Beaminster and has had historically a wealth of estate agency experience working for a number of well-known and highly respected estate agency business". There is no doubt that these levels of experience will prove to be invaluable to our many vendors and applicants alike.

Liz herself added "I was thrilled to move to Beaminster recently indeed I bought my home through Symonds & Sampson and was very impressed with the service provided. Once the opportunity became available to join the company it was a simple decision to make. I must say whenever I drive around Beaminster and the local area all I see are Symonds & Sampson sold boards and I hope very much that I can quickly add to the collection"!

Jeremy concluded "we have had a fantastic start to 2017 selling numerous properties and now require homes in Beaminster, the surrounding villages and Crewkerne to sell to waiting buyers. If you are considering selling or indeed on the market without success, why not contact us on 01308 863100 for your free valuation.

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5 TIPS FOR SMALL ROOMS

By Julia Gray, Press Association

1. In small bedrooms, storage is all-important. Fitted wardrobes provide floor-to-ceiling storage and are most useful if built in what might otherwise be wasted space, such as the alcoves next to a chimney breast. Fitted wardrobes aren't expensive if you make them out of MDF (or get a carpenter to), and can be customised for your storage needs. A bed with built-in storage may also be a good investment.

2. To make a small bathroom work well, think about re-jigging the layout - would there be more space with a corner toilet, shower cubicle or basin, for example? Also consider the depth of the toilet - some are a lot shorter than others, giving you more useable floor space. If you don't use the bath, could you save space by replacing it with a shower cubicle? This may put off some buyers when you come to sell, but may be worth it if it improves the bathroom for you. If you want to keep the bath, there may be a better bath for the room, such as a shorter, narrower or tapered one.

3. Fitting everything in a small kitchen can be a challenge. Consider moving the washing machine to the bathroom or under-stairs cupboard, for example, and fitting smaller appliances, such as a two-burner hob. Clever kitchen designs make more of limited space - try a pullout worktop and wall-hung table that folds down. Tall wall units, if the ceiling's high enough, give you more storage by using otherwise wasted space.

4. A small boiler will free up space. Dated properties often have a big, floor-standing boiler with a hot-water cylinder, plus tanks in the loft. In smaller properties, this takes up valuable space and is unnecessary because a combi boiler (no cylinder or tank needed) will usually suffice (ask a heating engineer if in doubt), some combis are especially compact.

5. In some rooms, it's hard to find wall space for a radiator without putting furniture in front of it, which is pointless. Solve the problem with slimline vertical radiators - they're ideal when wall space is limited and are handy for drying big things like sheets. Most vertical radiators are only one or two columns deep, which limits the heat output. As well as being a practical solution for small rooms, these radiators are the perfect combination of period elegance and contemporary style, and a nice feature in their own right.

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HOW-TO TIP

If you're drilling into tiles, you'll need a special tile specific drill bit - it looks like a spear and is available from tile and DIY shops. Put a piece of masking tape over where you want to drill to stop the bit from slipping.

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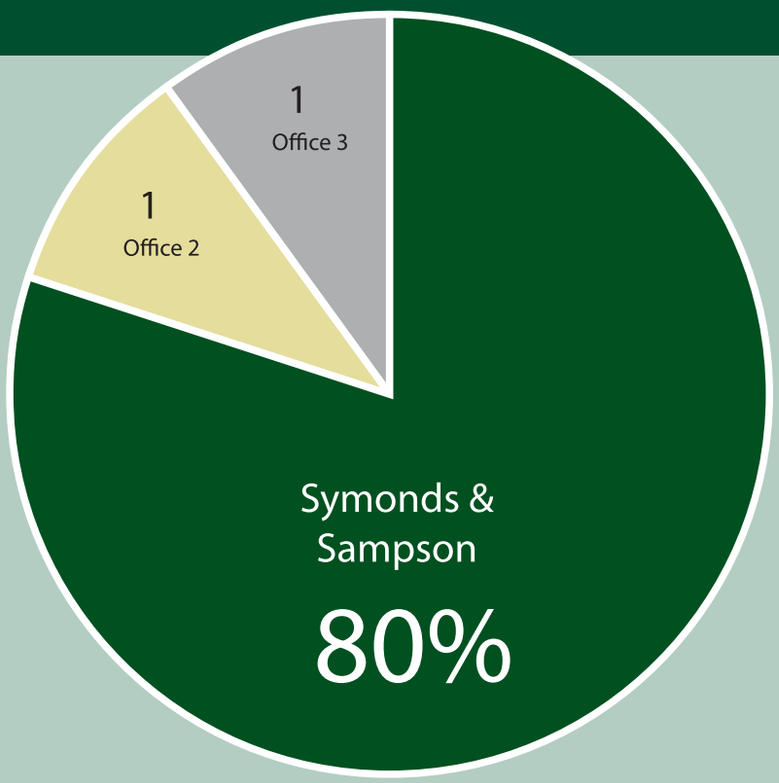

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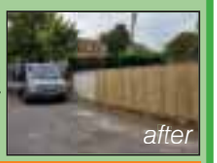

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The Mitsubishi Eclipse Cross will debut at the Geneva Motor Show (Hall 2, Stand 2130) on March 7 2017, finished in a deep gloss red metallic, a new colour specially developed for this new model using an innovative painting process.

Customers interested in the new Mitsubishi Eclipse Cross can go to the following link for updates: www.mitsubishi-cars.co.uk/eclipse-cross/

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Local football round-up WITH HOWARD LARCOMBE

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As they stand

Toolstation Premier (38)	Pld	Pts
Bristol Manor Farm	27	72
Street	27	64
Buckland Athletic	26	63
Melksham Town	26	62
Bradford Town	27	52
Willand Rovers	26	49
Odd Down	29	47
Cribbs	27	41
Chipping Sodbury	28	38
Shepton Mallet	30	36
Wells City	30	35
Gillingham Town	25	33
Cadbury Heath	24	31
Clevedon Town	27	30
Brislington	22	30
BRIDPORT	24	22
Longwell Green	28	19
Bitton	27	14
Sherborne Town	26	13
Hallen	28	11

Dorset Premier (32)	Pld	Pts
Balti Sports	24	61
Holt Utd	19	49
Swanage & Herston	21	42
Hamworthy Recreation	22	42*
Dorchester Sports	21	41
Westland Sports	22	39
Parley Sports	19	35
Gillingham Town Res	20	34
Merley Cobham Sports	15	30
Blandford Utd	22	30
BRIDPORT RES	23	25
Sturminster Newton Utd	22	23
Wareham Rangers	19	18
Mere Town	22	18
Hamworthy Utd Res	23	14
Sherborne Town Res	22	9
Cranborne	22	3

D&E Division 1 (20)	Pld	Pts
Cronies FC	15	41
Sidmouth Town Res	13	24
LYME REGIS	13	23
Exeter University Res	14	23
Colyton	14	23
Exmouth Town Reserves	13	20
Witheridge Reserves	11	18
Alphington Reserves	14	13
Wellington Reserves	14	12
Willand Rovers Res	18	11
Bickleigh	15	6

D&E Division 6 (24)	Pld	Pts
Winkleigh	14	39
Exwick Village	17	38
Hemyock	14	28
Offwell Rangers	16	28
Central FC	13	26
LYME REGIS RES	12	24
Halwill Reserves	17	24
Dunkeswell Rovers	17	18
Tivvy Park Rangers	15	17
Elmore Reserves	13	16
Stoke Hill	15	14
Silverton	17	5
Hatherleigh Reserves	16	5

Perry Street Prem (20)	Pld	Pts
Beaminster	14	34
South Petherton	13	30
Barrington	12	30
Shepton Beauchamp	13	29
Winsham Utd	13	25
Misterton	11	17
West & Middle Chinnock	13	12
Chard Utd	10	11
Netherbury	13	9
Combe Reserves	12	2*
Drimpton	14	0

Perry St Div 1 (18)	Pld	Pts
Pymore	10	23
Forton Rangers	11	20
Waytown Hounds	11	20
Merriott Rovers	10	19
Hawkchurch Utd	7	16
Uplyme	11	14
Shepton Beauchamp Res	10	11*
Ilminster Town Colts	10	10
Combe A	10	8
South Petherton Res	12	2

Perry St Div 2 (18)	Pld	Pts
Chard Rangers	11	30
Charmouth	14	26
Halstock	9	24
Farway Utd	12	24
Winsham Utd Reserves	12	22
Thorncombe	12	12
Dowlish & Donyatt	11	12
Crewkerne Rangers	9	6
Kingsbury Episcopi	13	6
Chard Utd Reserves	11	3

Perry St Div 3 (24)	Pld	Pts
Misterton Reserves	12	29
Uplyme Reserves	12	27
Forton Rangers Res	11	27
Merriott Dynamos	12	20
Ilminster Town A	15	20
Crewkerne Rangers Res	12	19
Thorncombe Reserves	13	19
Lyme Regis Rovers	13	16*
Fivehead	10	12
Chard Rangers Reserves	15	11
Farway Utd Reserves	13	8
Chard Utd All Stars	10	2*

Lyme Regis back up into top three

Beaminster denied by frozen pitch - Pymore still on course for Premier - Smith hits five in Uplyme Reserves' rout

Devon & Exeter League

LYME REGIS 3 COLYTON 0

Division One

LYME Regis moved back up in to the Division One promotion places with victory in a hard fought local derby at a chilly Davey Fort on Saturday.

The first half was a dour encounter with both sides struggling to come to terms with the heavy surface.

The visitors shaded the opening 20 minutes and went close to taking the lead when Jack Richards' free kick grazed the top of the crossbar.

Lyme were forced into an early change when right back Sam Day was forced off with a knock to be replaced by teenage defender Kingsley Wellman who went on to have a fine game.

Lyme's first real sight of goal came on the half hour when a Chris Herbst throw in eventually fell to Julien Simier but he blazed over the bar.

Richards then went close again soon after with 40-yard chip that had Lyme keeper Lee Cleal scrambling but the ball just drifted over.

Cleal did well two minutes before the break saving well with his feet to deny James Salter. But seconds later The Seasiders opened the scoring with the move of the match.

Mark Bailey exchanged passes with Rob Fellingham before slotting a pinpoint ball through to Dec Ellis who continued his fine form in front of goal with a neat lob over onrushing keeper Sam Riley.

Lyme flew out of the blocks after the interval and immediately set the tone

◆ **OPENER:** Dec Ellis

for the remainder of the match. Simier went close with a cross shot that beat Riley but struck the woodwork.

The killer second goal came in the 56th minute when Ellis tore down the right wing before crossing low for Cody Bowditch to expectly flick the ball home.

Colyton weren't finished just yet and left winger Nathan Maddocks' low shot was well saved by Cleal.

But any hopes the Tanners may have had of getting back into the game were ended when substitute Tristan Gale, who had a lively half hour cameo, clipped over a cross that found Bowditch who this time headed home from an identical position.

From here Lyme reverted from a 4-3-3- formation to 4-4-2 to see out the game and a vital three points in their search for a third successive promotion.

***Lyme Regis**; Lee Cleal, Sam Day (Kingsley Wellman 20), Dom Rowe, Gary Knight (Capt), Chris Herbst, Ben Turner, Rob Fellingham, Mark Bailey, Cody Bowditch (Steve Batey 68), Julien Simier (Tristan Gale 59), Dec Ellis. Unused sub; Kieren Daniels.*

Other Division One results;
Wellington Town Res 5 Willand Rovers Res 1

Division Six
Halwill Reserves P-P Lyme Regis Reserves
Central FC 4 Offwell Rangers 2
Dunkeswell Rovers 4 Tivvy Park Rangers 1
Elmore Reserves 6 Hatherleigh Reserves 0
Exwick Villa 1 Winkleigh 8
Silverton 2 Stoke Hill 3

PERRY STREET LEAGUE PREMIER

COMBE RESERVES 1 SOUTH PETHERTON 7

A SHORTAGE of striking options saw South Petherton manager Karl Diment throw Tom Case up top for Saturday's visit to Slades Cross, and the centre back repaid his manager with four goals in the crushing of Combe Reserves.

It was goalless for half an hour but once James Hatcher broke the deadlock for Pethy they never looked back.

Case lobbed home the second before half time to leave Combe staring down the barrel and the visitors, and Case in particular didn't disappoint striking twice to complete his hat-trick on the hour mark.

Hatcher then netted his second, Case his fourth before Mark Nelms rounded things off. Josh Manley scored the hosts' consolation.

DRIMPTON 2 W & M CHINNOCK 6

A FINE hat trick from Dan Tucker helped West & Middle Chinnock bring an end to a sticky patch of five games without a win as Drimpton took another step towards Division One.

Stacey Hawes, Liam Bennett and George Pitman also netted for the Chinnocks, whose joint player manager Dan Harvey said: "It wasn't as convincing as we would have liked, but it's a big result given our upcoming run of fixtures."

Drimpton went ahead early on through an own goal with former Hinton striker Ross Jewell scoring their second consolation.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP 1 NETHERBURY 0

NETHERBURY continued their improvement when they pushed title contenders Shepton Beauchamp all the way in Saturday's clash at Brimgrove Lane

Ambers manager James Sayers said: "We started with a risky, but fruitful strategy of three up front with Ashley Carter, Owen Ward and Wesley Fursman pressing the Shepton defence high and preventing them from playing from the back."

Shepton looked dangerous in patches while Carter and Ward were both unlucky with half chances at the other end. The game was fairly even, but the home team had the better chances in the first half.

The hosts had a decent 15-minute spell of pressure that saw Steve Coombs head off the line before they grabbed the only goal of the game.

The ball was cleared twice from the area, but it finally fell for former Ilminster Town striker Dan Smith who drilled back in low under keeper Gay with only a few minutes left of the first half.

Sayers said: "In the past this season we might have folded, but we continued with the same formation in the second half and really tested Shepton."

The closest they came to levelling was when Ward sized up a free kick from 35 yards out and hit the join of crossbar and post with a superb effort.

Dan Taylor and Kristian Steward were pushed higher up the pitch in midfield as the Ambers went for broke, and for the last 15 minutes of the game had several chances with Fursman controlling brilliantly in the area but firing inches wide."

"We have improved immensely this season and we are now competing against some of the better teams in this league. The lads deserve a huge amount of credit for sticking together and making it work.

"That was one of the best performances of the season and Shepton were made to hang on and would not have been able to complain we had grabbed a point at the end," said Sayers.

The **CHARD UNITED V BEAMINSTER** match was postponed due to a frozen pitch at Jocelyn Park.

Meanwhile, Beaminster's appeal at South Petherton fielding a banned player (Lee Caines) in the 4-1 defeat at the Memorial Ground in mid-December has been reject by the PSDL Committee.

DIVISION ONE

HAWKCHURCH UTD 4 UPLYME 0

HAWKCHURCH United look well placed to sneak up on the rails and challenge for a Division One promotion slot after leapfrogging over East Devon neighbours Uplyme with a 4-0 win.

A Jack Larcombe free kick broke the deadlock before 35-goal top scorer James Melville netted a fine hat trick.

A disappointed Uplyme joint manger Jon Matthews told ***View Sport***: The score line doesn't do us justice. We set up pretty well with a strong side and if we had scored one of our early chances, the game could well have been different. But it's a chances game and we didn't take them. Credit to Hawkchurch – the best team we've played this season."

Matthews' comments were echoed by Hawks boss Martin Bright: "It was a very close game with the score not reflecting Uplyme's performance – but overall we just deserved the win."

PYMORE 3 ILMINSTER TOWN COLTS 0

PYMORE'S title hopes remain on track as they maintained their good form with victory over Ilminster Colts.

The hosts missing the injured Fred Etherington and Richard Vine, took the lead in the 10th minute when Liam Proctor's low cross was diverted into the net by an Ilminster defender.

Proctor then doubled the lead mid-

◆ **ON TARGET:** Liam Proctor

way through the first half. Tim Hussey missed several opportunities to increase the score line and Jed Holt somehow missed from in front an open goal.

In the second half Hussey, Rich Legg and Dan Coles all squandered more chances before Hussey finally got on the score sheet in the final minute when he broke clear and rounded the keeper to slot into the empty net.

Pymore assistant manager Matt Tither said: "Although it was a below par performance it was still pleasing to get the win but we must step up a gear or two next week in the six-pointer at Merriott."

Division Two

CHARMOUTH 2 WINSHAM UTD RES 1

CHARMOUTH kept alive their hopes of a top three finish with a gritty win over promotion rivals Winsham Utd Reserves at Barrs Lane.

Both sides had some early sighters but it was the Robins who flew into the lead in the 20th minute when Hakim Bibb looped a shot over the visiting keeper that found the top corner.

The lead was deservedly doubled 10 minutes later when Rhys Haime diverted home Matt Tipping's free kick.

Charmouth continued to look the more threatening side in the second half but Winsham pulled one back thanks to a moment of brilliance from substitute Brad Masters who found the 'top bin' with a shot from 20 yards.

Robins' manager Kevin Pratt told ***View Sport***: "It was a cracking game. Winsham had hope near the end, but we were unlucky not to add to our tally while our back four looked solid all afternoon."

Other scores; Chard Rangers 2 (J.Capper 2) Chard Utd Res 1 (D.Potter), Crewkerne Rangers 1 (S.Denslow) Halstock 4 (M.Cawley 2, C.Tanner, D.House), Farway Utd 4 (J.Murraell 4) Kingsbury Episcopi 1 (A.Ordierno).

DIVISION THREE

CHARD UTD ALL STARS 0 UPLYME RES 10

RYAN Smith scored five times as Uplyme Reserves racked up their biggest win since they were reformed back in September 2011.

After a sedate opening 20 minutes the match came to life when Frank Harris was forced off with a minor fracture to his lower leg after a heavy challenge.

Smith opened the scoring with a low shot via the inside of the post.

The lead was doubled just before half time with Smith bagging his second after good work from Andrico Pelaou.

The result was assured just seconds after the turnaround with Jonnie Harris getting on the score sheet and quickly scoring his second moments later from the penalty spot after a foul in the area.

The Swallows dominated from here on in. Pelaou scored twice - the second a neat lob – to make it 6-0.

MoM Smith waded in with three more to his personal tally up to five and Harris completed his hat trick.

After the game Uplyme manager Stu Wooster was understandably pleased with the result, he said: "The half time team talk was simple, keep them camped in their half and pick them off as they tired – but I couldn't have foreseen us scoring twice so quickly in the second half. We probably should have had more goals but everyone contributed to the result."

Wooster confirmed that injured winger Harris would be out for a month.

LYME REGIS ROVERS 8 FIVEHEAD 0

IT was good day for Lyme Regis Rovers too. The Seasiders' third string recorded their biggest win since Misterton Reserves were crushed 11-1 some four and half years ago.

Pete Peacock scored a team record seven that day and the prolific striker was at it again on Saturday with another three in a good all round team performance.

Lyme took the lead in the fifth minute after Stefan Taylor had rounded the Fivehead keeper but his shot had come back off an upright only for Peaock to tuck away the rebound.

It was 2-0 10 minutes later when a corner was only half cleared to Jim Larcombe whose cross found Peacock who did the rest.

The result was confirmed before half time when Taylor added number three with a shot that struck a defender on it's way into the net.

The goals kept coming after the interval. Robbie Fowler headed home the fourth in the 47th minute and the pick of the goals came three minutes later.

Keeper Chris Higgs' long punt caused confusion in the visitors' defence and Taylor capitalised a cool finish with the outside of the boot from 25 yards out.

The half dozen came up on the hour when Peacock was brought down in the area and then dusted himself down to convert from the penalty spot.

Fivehead had a player sent off for the foul and follow up dissent by stand-in referee Ryan Turner who did an excellent job.

Taylor turned provider for the seventh crossing to Rhys Evans who buried his shot low into the bottom corner.

The scoring was completed late on when Ryan King tucked away the rebound after substitute Ben Croad's shot had struck the post.

Rovers' boss Terry White picked out Fowler and Taylor as his top perfomers and was pleased to welcome back Higgs saying: "He's class. He keeps things calm and organises the defence and midfield so well."

Other scores; Ilminster Town A 3 (S.Park, M.Vinall, D.Wiseman) Chard Rangers Res 2 (John Mason, N.Trenchard), Merriott Dynamos 7 (M.Calverley 3, M.Hill 2, T.Markoliski 2) Farway Utd Res 2 (D.Cody, S.Trim), Misterton Res 3 (C.Preston, K.Adams, J.Williams) Forton Rangers Res 5 (J.Alford 3, E.James 2).

◆ **NAP HAND:** Ryan Smith

Fixtures, Saturday, February 18th

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE (3pm ko)
Division One
Colyton v Exeter University Reserves
Exmouth Town Reserves v Cronies FC
Sidmouth Town Reserves v Witheridge Reserves
Willand Rovers Reserves v Lyme Regis

Division Six (3pm ko)
Dunkeswell Rovers v Central FC
Elmore Reserves v Exwick Villa
Hemyock v Hatherleigh Reserves
Lyme Regis Reserves v Silverton
Offwell Rangers v Stoke Hill
Winkleigh v Tivvy Park

PERRY STREET LEAGUE
(Cup games, 2pm ko, League games 2.30pm)
TOMMY TABBERER CUP Quarter F inal
Crewkerne Rangers v Charmouth
JOHN FOWLER CUP Quarter Finals
Fivehead v Farway Utd Reserves
Forton Res v Crewkerne Rangers Reserves
Uplyme Reserves v Lyme Regis Rovers
PREMIER
Barrington v South Petherton
Drimpton v Misterton
West & Middle Chinnock v Winsham Utd
DIVISION ONE
Merriott Rovers v Pymore
Shepton Beauchamp Reserves v Combe A
South Petherton Reserves v Forton Rangers
Waytown Hounds v Hawkchurch Utd
DIVISION TWO
Chard Utd Reserves v Dowlish & Donyatt
Farway Utd v Halstock
Kingsbury Episcopi v Chard Rangers
Chard Utd All Stars v Misterton Reserves

Indoor youth cricket

Martinstown secure title

THE West Dorset Indoor Cricket League's under 14s section reached a thrilling climax as the season drew to a close at The Osprey Leisure Centre with Martinstown and Bere Regis, both facing a rapidly improving Weymouth Ladies, and both in with a shout of League honours.

Martinstown 139-1 beat
Weymouth Ladies 53 all out by 86 runs

BATTING first, Martinstown began well with openers David Lewis (28*) and Ed Maltby (26*) plundering 58 off the first five overs.

But the Ladies never gave up and their ever-improving attack, backed up by some superb fielding, slowed the run rate and resulted in the excellent run out of Damien Lewis for 7.

With both Will Maltby (25*) and Harry Mitchell (10 *) scoring at a good run rate, Martinstown finished their 12 overs with a respectable 139-1.

The Ladies began well with 16 from the first two overs. Danielle Srittle (18), in particular, displayed the rapid rise in the standard of the ladies' batting with some fine shots.

However, a well-drilled Martinstown found their rhythm and, with Alison Lloyd departing to a run out, the innings slowed. The Maltby siblings, Will (2-0-8-2) and Ed (2.4-0-10-2) bowled superbly and when David Lewis (3-0-14-1) took the final wicket Martinstown ran out comfortable winners.

Bere Regis 158-3 beat
Weymouth Ladies 108-3 by 50 runs

BERE, batting first knew that only victory would do if their were to challenge Martinstown for the title and they began well with Tom Munnings (25*) and Harry Green (28*) racking up 78 from the first five overs.

The Ladies battled well in the field and another excellent display resulted in three run outs as they continued to display the huge strides they have made in all aspects of the game.

Bere's batsman continued to punish anything short as Oliver Mayo (26*) and Matt Hobbs (20*) saw them post a challenging 158.

The Ladies fought back well, and gutsy innings of 23 from Danielle Srittle (23) and Captain Jo Hayson's unbeaten 28 caused Bere a few worries as they kept plugging away at the target.

But the Bere attack gave little away and, despite another determined innings from Alison Lloyd (19*) the Ladies fell short.

With both Martinstown and Bere finishing with the same win/lose record it was down to number crunching time to decide the destiny of the League Trophy with Martinstown coming out on top by virtue of a far better run rate.

The indoor season concludes with the **Cup Competitions**. The under 16s take place on and the Under 14s on Saturday, March 4th with the opening games in both competitions starting at 10am.

Bridport & District Table Skittles

Division A	Pd	Pts	BL
Crown Duels	14	57	10
Jesters	15	53	11
What an Anchor	16	46	12
Hopeless Anchor	16	44	10
Odds Against	16	43	7
Ria Gunners	16	41	10
What's The Odds	14	39	9
No Hopers	16	39	7
Fred's Heros	16	34	4
The Devils	16	32	5
Muck' Fuddlers	16	22	6
Fishermans F'nds	15	15	3

Division B	Pd	Pts	BL
Consorts	16	54	10
Five Alive	16	51	10
Hit and Hope	16	48	9
Bell Ends	15	44	4
George Gormets	16	42	11
Slingers	16	42	12
Baggies Boys	13	39	10
Little Nibblers	15	35	7
Mel's Men	15	32	7
About Time	16	32	5
Stickups	14	21	3
Has Beens	16	20	5

Lyme Regis Cribbage

RESULTS (Jan 30th); New Inn Kilm A 3 Nags Head 2, Charlie's Angels 3 Stepps 2, Dolphin 3 Ship Inn LR 0, Talbot Arms 0 Gerrard Arms 5, Lamb Swans 3 Ax Con Club 2.

Beer League;New Inn Kilm A 2 Nags Head 1, Charlie's Angels 2 Stepps 1, Dolphin 1 Ship Inn LR 4, Talbot Arms 2 Gerrard Arms 1, Lamb Swans 2 Ax Con Club 1.

Fixtures (Monday, Feb 13th); Charlie's Angels v Talbot Arms, Stepps v Gerrard Arms, Dolphin v Lamb Swans, Ship Inn LR v New Inn Kilm, Nags Head v Ax Con Club,

Table - Week 18	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR	16	49
Gerrard Arms	17	49
Ship Inn, LR	17	45
New Inn Kilm A	17	45
Ax Con Club	16	41
Dolphin, Beer	16	40
Lamb Swans	17	40
Charlie's Angels	16	39
Talbot Arms	16	38
Stepps	16	38
New Inn Kilm B	16	26

Beer League	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR	16	30
Stepps	16	28
Lamb Swans	17	27
Charlie's Angels	16	26
New Inn Kilm B	16	26
Ax Con Club	17	24
Gerrard Arms	16	23
Dolphin, Beer	16	21
New Inn Kilm A	17	21
Ship Inn, LR	17	21
Talbot Arms	16	21

Bees news

WITH STUART BROOM

Dogged Bees earn a point

Bridport Res 2 Mere Town 2
Dorset premier League

WHILST disappointed that his charges didn't take all three points against Mere Town on Saturday, Bridport manager Shaun Annetts felt that his side had done enough to have won, but at the same time they could have done better.

On a heavy pitch that was starting to dry out, the surface was very stodgy and particularly lofted balls tended to stick in the mud making it awkward for flowing football.

With no recognised keeper available, assistant manager Simon Gale once again donned the gloves.

Having not played for two weeks the Bees were a little rusty but after an even start they took the lead after 10 minutes when the Mere keeper's poor clearance eventually found Ali Kamara who unleashed an early shot that nestled in the top corner of the net.

Having taken the lead, Bridport failed to capitalise, and entered a 20 minute spell littered with poor passing and the conceding numerous free kicks.

This invited pressure and they conceded on the half hour.

This seemed to jolt the hosts back into gear as they adjusted to the conditions and they regained the lead before the break with a second Kamara goal.

After an even start to the second half, Mere got the equaliser when the Bees failed to clear their lines.

The Bees were guilty of creating the better chances but failing to finish them. Sam Handyside drove through the heart of the Mere defence, but instead of shooting played in Hull whose angled shot hit the side netting.

Josh Hunter also had a chance with a header but couldn't generate enough power to make it count.

There was only one real scare for the Bees defence when Dan Peart misjudged a dropping ball allowing a Mere forward a clear run on goal. However he was stopped in his tracks by a fabulous tackle by the recovering Nathan Storey.

Annetts said: "We didn't play as well as we can. Whilst the ground might have had a bearing, our passing wasn't as good as it could be.

"However, in the last 20 minutes we created enough chances to have won it, although on reflection a draw wasn't a bad result."

Schools Sport

Woodroffe in county under 15 finals

WOODROFFE School girls recently played some sparkling cricket to reach the County Indoor cricket finals at a West Dorset tournament held at The Wey Valley School.

The Year 10 team fielded first against the Wey Valley and although they failed to take a wicket they restricted the hosts to just 40. They then went onto score 135 and win by 95 runs.

Not to be outdone, the year nine team also defeated Wey Valley by 177 runs. Maisie McCarthy top scored with 31 including four sixes.

The deciding match between the two Woodroffe sides was a nailbiting affair.

Opting to bat first, the year 10s reached 84 for 4 thanks mainly to a lively 28 from Katie Henderson who was well supported by Freya Southcott (11).

However, the year nines were sharp in the field which was epitomised by the fielding of Rose Trafford who engineered three run outs.

Millie Vacher bowled quickly and took the other wicket to fall wicket as the 10s were dismissed for 84.

Needing 10.5 an over, the year nine team got off to a bad start when captain Frankie Steed was caught and bowled by Henderson.

But Emily Wright (15) and Maisie McCarthy (17) came together and accelerated the scoring. But, with the score on 75, captain Clara Jeavons bowled a tight over and, with the pressure mounting two run outs halted the year nine flow.

Henderson bowled a fine last over restricting the final score to 80 and clinching victory and the District Championship title by just four runs.

The team are now through to the County Finals to be played at Hurn on March 29th.

◆ THROUGH TO COUNTY FINAL: The Woodroffe Girls year 10 team

Girls Cricket at Uplyme Cricket Club

THERE are further opportunities for girls aged 14+ to play cricket.

Uplyme Cricket Club are supporting an ECB initiative in the line with the Women's World Cup being hosted in England this summer to get more girls playing the game.

There will be six weeks of coaching on Tuesdays after school in the Woodroffe Sports Hall for all girls aged 14+ beginning on February 21st.

Contact ECB Level 2 Coach Eddie Clarke on 07474 682941 edandjoc@btinternet.com for further details.

Indoor Bowls - news from Bridport and Moonfleet clubs

Bridport Men through to Over 60s play-offs

BRIDPORT A finished runners-up in Section A of the Men's County Over 60s League and will now play Isle of Portland, winners of section B, in the semi-final knock-out stage at Dorchester.

Although they picked up maximum points at Bournemouth in the final game of the season, Dolphin A also did likewise at Dorchester, to pip Bridport by two points.

Dolphin B failed to beat IoP in the final game in Section B and will therefore play Dolphin A in the other semi-final.

The full Bridport A squad comprises; Phil Hedger, Barry Mapson, Bob Hill, Gerry Moss, Chris Everest, Brian Baker, Ken Sanger, John Boxall, Mel Griffiths, Huw Rees, Brian Walsh and Robin Pither.

Meanwhile, Bridport B also ended on a high note in Section B winning 32-22 at Moonfleet to secure third place. Geoff Hansen, Peter Carnell & Mike Craddock finished 18-10 up, whilst David Jenkin, Reg Dodd & Keith Jenkins also won 14-12.

Bridport A Ladies put up a good fight against leaders Dolphin A in the County League with both rinks going down narrowly. Pamela Daters, Gill Hunt, Ann Turtelll & Sue Walsh lost 22-23, whilst Francis Hewett, Laura Taylor, Pat Cornick & Margaret Clapp were beaten 16-18.

On Saturday, February 25th (10am - 2pm) and Sunday 26th (2pm-4pm) the club are holding taster sessions.

All equipment is provided free; just turn up at the club at the bottom of St Andrews Industrial Estate and have a go.

Spokesperson Brian Baker said: "Anyone aged from eight to 80+ are capable of playing bowls and we have Bowls Buggies for anyone with a disability.

"New coach Steven Grier, already regarded as one of the country's top young coaches, would particularly like to establish a junior section."

Baker added: "Taster's are always available throughout the year, just telephone me on 01308 425247 to fix a date."

◆ ALL THE PRESIDENT'S (AND MOONFLEET'S) MEN: Last Friday afternoon the Moonfleet 2000 Indoor Bowls Club hosted for the first game of the Berkshire County Presidents Tour which comprised a team of bowlers from the Reading area on a weekend friendly tour of Dorset. All six rinks were in use with the 48 bowlers playing 21 ends, with the visiting Presidents team winning 128-114. The Presidents team continued their tour playing at Dorchester Bowls Club on the Saturday and Dolphin (Poole) on the Sunday.

Dorch Snooker

Cup finals all sorted

RESULTS; West Dorset Club A 5 Colliton XQ 2016 2, Trinity M 4 WDC Team Shaky 2, WDC YYMFDT 2 Colliton Hopefuls 4.

Top Breaks; E Wellman 65 Clearance, 28, 24; J Millican 33; G Bartlett 27, 25; M Woodroffe 26.

Top Break of the Season; Evan Wellman (West Dorset Club A) 65.

Team Handicap Knock-Out Cup – Semi Finals; Colliton Hopefuls 1 Trinity M 4, Colliton XQ 2016 2 West Dorset Club A 4.
Cup final on March 30th at Trinity Club.

Team Open Knock-Out Cup - Semi Finals;
Colliton XQ 2016 0 West Dorset Club A 4, WDC YYMFDT 0 Trinity M 4.
Cup final on March 27th at Trinity Club.

Rearranged League matches; Trinity M v Colliton XQ 2016 (Wednesday, February 23rd), Purbeck Potters v WDC Whipping Boys Monday, March 13th West Dorset Club A v Colliton Hopefuls (Wednesday, March 15th), Colliton XQ 2016 v WDC Team Shaky (Monday, March 20th), WDC Whipping Boys v Trinity M Wednesday, March 22nd, WDC YYMFDT v Colliton Hopefuls (Being rearranged by team captains), WDC YYMFDT v West Dorset Club A to finish - score so far 3-2.

REMINDER
League results; Teams are reminded that results must be with the Secretary by 9am on the Sunday following the match.

Failure to notify results or cancellations to Secretary by this time results in a two-point deduction for the home or cancelling team.

Table (wk 15)	Pld	Pts
WDorset Club A	13	58
Colliton XQ2016	14	56
Colliton Hopefuls	13	55
Trinity M	15	52
WDC Team Shaky	14	51
Purbeck Potters	14	49
WDC YYMFDT	13	46
WDC Whipping B	14	25

Lyme Regis Skittles

CUP results from w/e February 11th.

Ladies

Wootton Wobblers (+BL) bt Wild Pins (Game given), Rollercoasters 275 (+BL) La Crème 261, Smashers 289 Hot Gossips 294 (+BL), Generations 297 Skittso's 303 (+BL).

Note: Result from Ladies George Nomination played on January 30th now confirmed: Wild Pins 202 bt Rollercoasters 170.

Men's

Miscellaneous bt Roadrunners (+BL), Trappers 346 (+BL) Flyers 340, Wreckers 334 No Hopers 389 (+BL), Tornadoes 336 Alleytwits 332 (+BL), Shakers 323 (+BL) President's Men 299, Rousdon Rebels 358 (+BL) Clueless 337, Young Guns 337 Marksmen 363 (+BL).

Upcoming cup fixtures

Monday, February 20th

Ladies Bob Sweetland Cup Semi Finals: Rollercoasters v Hot Gossips, Wootton Wobblers v Wild Pins.

Wednesday, Feb 22nd

Men's Cornish Cup: Trappers v Clueless, Wreckers v Marksmen, Shakers – bye.

Friday, February 24th

Men's Cornish Cup: Rousdon Rebels v British Legion, Young Guns v No Hopers, Flyers v Roadrunners, Tornadoes v Anthill Mob, President's Men v Tornadoes

Men's Div One	Pd	Pts	BL
Marksmen	11	20	14
No Hopers	11	20	14
Flyers	12	16	4
Trappers	11	10	10
Young Guns	10	8	10
Clueless	11	8	8
Wreckers	11	8	8
Anthill Mob	11	6	16
Rousdon Rebels	12	4	16

Men's Div Two	Pd	Pts	BL
Roadrunners	9	13	12
President's Men	10	13	8
Miscellaneous	9	13	6
Tornadoes	10	10	8
Alleytwits	9	8	12
Shakers	10	5	12
British Legion	9	4	6

Ladies	Pd	Pts	BL
Skittso's	11	18	16
Wootton Wobb	11	16	19
Rollercoasters	11	11	14
Smashers	11	11	8
Hot Gossips	9	10	10
Wild Pins	9	8	7
Generations	10	4	4
La Crème	10	4	4

Lyme Regis Golf

Captain shows the way

THE Ladies played their 16-hole February Stableford using a new layout and there were some excellent scores.

Captain Gilly Madill scored consistently well to rack up 36 points and win Division One by two points from Felicity Poole in second and Rosemary Shepherd in third with 34 points.

Division Two was a close contest as two in-form players went head-to-head, both scoring four points better than their handicap. Corinne Jones and Amy Mudford both scored 36 points, with the former winning but on count-back. Ronny Turner secured bronze with 34 points.

The Seniors' February Stableford was played in near Arctic conditions on the reserve day.

Taking advantage of the reduced field, Richard Jackman came first in Division One with 32 points, one better than Simon Prior and Neil Leggett who came second and third respectively.

Division Two was where the high scoring occured as Rob Laverton played brilliantly with the highest score of the day - 38 points.

John Jones made it a good family week as his 36 points secured second spot from David Hickman in third.

Bridport Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
Rob's Robbers	12	23
Well Hung Clocks	12	17
BSC	12	17
Nomads	11	17
Five Sticky Fingers	11	12
Hands of Time	12	11
Noth'n But Treble	12	9
Nags Head A	12	5
Les Miserables	12	5
Rubber Johns	12	2

180s; Tony Young 7, Terry Prowse 6, Nigel Lamb 4, six players x3, nine players x2, 20 players x1.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
The Stingers	12	18
Odds or Us	12	18
Respect-de-Bull	12	18
Young Darters	12	18
One for the Vikings	12	15
Elders	12	13
Otter Rotters	12	5
No Direction	12	5
Dat Team	12	5
Anchor Five	12	5

180s; Ashley Parker 4, Stuart Alner & Andy Reid 3, Ashley Parker & Dan Rawlings both 2, 11 players x1.

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Mis Fits	12	22
Dart Vaders	12	17
Poachers	12	17
The Surgeons	12	16
Midnight Runners	12	12
Anchor Vale Viewers	13	11
Tiger Bees	12	10
Flashes Fives	12	8
Royal Hawks	13	6
Time Bombs	12	3

180s; Paul Gumbrill 2, Len Challis, Ash Hawker, Alistair Coutts, S.Bowditch, P.Rowley, Howard Sellick, Graham Gumbrill & Danny Sorrell all x1.

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Dodgers	12	18
Wicked Team Name	12	18
No Chance	12	17
-1-11	12	15
The Nameless	12	14
Whamo	12	12
Odds & Sods	12	10
Sorted Odds	12	8
Hopeful Bashers	12	7
The Royal Nuts	12	1

180s; Andy Page, Paul Bearpark, Paul Lewis, T.Bird, Micky Brock, Billy Hallett & Roly Steer all x1.

Ladies Div One	Pld	Pts
Anchor Aces	18	34
Arrows Awry	18	28
Queens Bees	18	28
Sue's Rebels	18	26
Clocking On	18	21
Odd One Out	18	21
Queenies of the Club	18	17
Castaways	18	16
Against the Odds	18	15
Charlie's Angels	18	12
Don's Damsels	18	12
Good Mates	18	8
Drunking Aware	17	7
Tiger Stripes	17	5

180s; Janet Collins, Sue Brock, Liz Vowells & Kate Loasby all x1.

West Dorset Hockey

Young miners dig deep in Dorset

West Dorset Hawks 1
Camborne School of Mines 4

WHEN 15 youthful university students from The Camborne School of Mines arrived West Dorset knew they were up against it.

However, things couldn't have started better for hosts when a beautiful ball from Rick Dormor stuck to Dan Wyatt's stick in the D and he smashed it into the goal.

Wyatt went close soon after but fired narrowly wide.

But Camborne rallied and soon took control. Their fitness, speed and determination put Dorset under constant pressure and they soon scored twice to take the lead.

In the second half saw West Dorset put together some good passages of play but failed to score. Camborne capitalised on this and they soon turned to attack and added another couple of goals.

In the last quarter West Dorset's spirits where raised by the introduction of Alex Davis on as striker. His fresh legs, added to determination from the Hawks saw them come close but unfortunately it was all too late.

Southern Two	Pld	Pts
Plymouth Uni A	16	40
Chard	15	37
Penzance	16	36
Camborne School of Mines	16	32
Bude	16	31
WEST DORSET	16	21
PGSOB A	16	19
Bridgwater A	16	19
Caradon	15	17
ECV Hornets	16	15
Taunton Vale C	16	7
Devonport Services	16	0

Back to winning ways

Chard B 1 West Dorset A 2

FOLLOWING the disappointment of last week, West Dorset A welcomed back a number of players for their tough trip to Chard B, and recorded their first away win of the year.

Goals either side of half time were just reward for the constant attacking threat posed by the Hawks.

The midfield pairing of Rob Clark and Ollie Gargrave controlled the middle third effectively and provided good service to the front pairing of John Kellas and Henry Middleton.

The heroics of the home keeper kept the Hawks at bay until Clarke was able to open the scoring after great link up play from Gargrave and Ed Calvert.

A change of formation at the start of the second half saw the Hawks on the back foot briefly, allowing the hosts space and some half chances.

Reverting back to the tactics of the first half steadied the ship, and the second goal came from Middleton, who did well to score from a difficult angle.

Chard got back into the game following a harshly awarded short corner; the first time shot finding its way past unsighted keeper Alex Drew.

There was a little flurry from the hosts towards the final whistle, but the Hawks were able to see out the match for three points.

The Hawks travel to league leaders Tiverton on Saturday.

***Team:** Alex Drew (capt), Henry Middleton, Lee Connelly, Richard Wilson, Giles Maltby, Matt Keeping, Ollie Gargrave, Rob Clarke, John Kellas, Krystian Dubas, Ed Calvert.*

South East Two	Pld	Pts
Exeter University F	14	39
Tiverton	12	34
Chard A	13	27
Chard B	12	21
WEST DORSET A	12	17
Minehead B	14	15
Taunton Vale D	14	13
East Devon C	13	12
Dart A	14	10
ECV Hornets B	14	3*

Bridport & West Dorset Golf Club

WITH PETER CROWTER

Howzat! Dave's 37 land Stableford win

FIFTEEN three-man teams of veterans took part in last Thursday's **Texas Scramble** off the yellow tees, four drives taken off each player and one/10th of combined handicap.

Apart from the cold, conditions were good and the winning scores were very close. Top of the pile was the team of Peter Marshall (8), Chris Everest (24) & James Clarke (25) scoring 66.3.

In second were George Brown (12), Dave Rendell (18) & Chris Roberts (21) with 66.8 while Marcus Beresford (15), Kevin Blackman (21) & Dave Smith (23) scoring secured third spot with 67.1.

It was a very cold morning for the Men's Sunday competition which was a Rediffusion **3BBB Stableford.**

Seventeen trios donned their thermals and woollies and some recorded some very good scores.

The winning team with 51 points was that of Grant Gerrard (11), Don McAllister (19) & Kieran McAllister (21).

In second were Lewis Craddock (6), Pat Hart (9) & Brian Austin (21) with 50. Third were Derek Christison (24), Jon Legg-Bagg (13) & Mike Thompson (17) scoring 47.

Fourteen players entered the mixed **Midweek Stableford**, and all bar one scored over 30 points.

The winner with 37 points was Dave Howat (17). Andy Dennis (6) took the runner-up spot with 36 and Bryn Dare (15) was third with 34 after count-back.

The Ladies recently played a **flag competition** over 11 holes across two days.

The winner who placed the flag in the 11th hole was Roseanne Bonfield. The runner up was Avril Brown who had her handicap reduced by two shots.

Saturday a **mixed Valentines 4BBB** reduced to nine-holes due to the chill and snow flurries.

Monies raised were not only for the lucky prize winners but also for Woofability the charity chosen by both the Club Captain and the Ladies Captain.

Woofability trains dogs to assist people with physical difficulties and also to be a safe companion for children and adults.

The winners, with 24 points on count back, were Avril Brown & Mike Thompson.

In second, again with 24 points, were Wendy Newton & Mike Savage and the final pair with in the prizes, again on count back, were Carolyn McAllister & Rob Smith

Pat Tolin and George Brown both carded two and won some golf balls.

Bridport Rugby

Away day woes as Bridport ship six

Puddletown 36
Bridport 8

BRIDPORT travelled to Puddletown on Saturday with great expectations but a depleted side due to injuries and half term holidays, left them light in the backs *writes Guy Livingston*.

Puddletown scored an early try and were able to put in some quick balls out to their backs from the breakdowns and poor defence in the visitors' backs allowed them to easily run in six tries.

Bridport did have their moments with some excellent play from Daragh Mcloughlin and some solid runs from Nathan Herbert who managed to put on three points on the board when he went over for a converted try.

Following the successful season that Bridport have had so far, the team were disappointed in the result, and hope to turn this around when they welcome Effingham & Ringwood on Saturday.

Also for rugby supporters, a reminder that all the six nations games on a Saturday are being shown in the Club house.

Honiton U13 5
Bridport 6

TWO well-matched teams put on a good show on a bitterly cold morning *writes Noel Gregory*.

Aided by the slope in the first half Honiton broke away to score after early pressure from Bridport had come to nothing.

With set scrums again being won against the head by Bridport's Captain Henry Mason, an open side move allowed Oliver Hansford-Harvey to score.

Two more tries were scored by Honiton after some slack tackling by the Blues, to give the hosts a 3-1 half time lead.

Downhill, Bridport fed the ball out well to the backs, and equalised, then went ahead with three tries by Hansford-Harvey.

Honiton equalised with another breakaway try, but then a quick penalty tap by Ernest Chaney put Thomas Craven overto put Bridport back in front.

Back came Honiton to equalise again, but George Found powered through to restore Bridport's lead at 6-5.

There then followed a period of -nonstop pressure on Bridport's line, but the Blues defended magnificently to hold on to their slender lead.

Home and away victories over a good Honiton team shows Bridport are progressing, but tackling and scrummaging must be worked on if they are to compete against the might of Taunton on March 5th.

◆ **UP AND AWAY:** Line-out action from Saturday's match. Photo by *GUY LIVINGSTON*

Bridport Skittles

UPCOMING cup fixtures.

Portman Handicap Cup – Round Three

Cup Winners Cup SF

Thursday, February 16th

Ilchester - Broadoak (5) v Nelson Nobblers.

Friday, February 17th

Bradpole Club – Originals v Aussies Lot (10).

Mens Pairs – Round Three

Tuesday, February 21st

West Dorset Club - G Brooks & L Beresford; L Dare & C Barnes; R Herbert & G Herbert; B Churchill & C Churchill; E Tuck & D Tuck; A Huxter & N Pye; H Mills & M Horton; S Pitcher & A Cauldwell.

Wednesday, Feb 22nd

Tiger - J Peach & D Langridge; M Huxter & N Gurd; C Willcox & N Willcox; M Hooper & J Symes; R Pincombe & I Pincombe;T Cleal & A Way; M Powell & S Lee; S Gale & L Farnham.

Ladies Pairs – Round One (no byes)

Thursday, February 23rd

Ilchester - S Newman & G Legg; M Hansford & B Crandon; H Doble & M Paulley; J Cake & M Dare; K Symes & S Luter; S Tompkins & J Parsons; J Brooks & M Brooks; C Huxter & R Chubb; K Tuck & J Symes.

***Note**: Would the winners of last season's league trophies please return them as soon as possible to the Lord Nelson.*

Disabled Sport

Are you the next Ellie Simmonds?

DAVE White, England Para Swimming Talent coach will be at Weymouth Leisure Centre this morning (Wednesday) from 11.30-12.30pm and this afternoon at Dorchester Sports Centre from 2-3pm when he will be running FREE disability taster sessions looking for future Paralympic swimmers and advising on how to improve swimming skills.

To book a place contact dave.white@swimming.org or pop along to the pools.

Lyme Regis Pool

Table	Pld	Pts
Pot Nots	11	27
Wozo's Warriors	9	24
Smack the Rack	11	22
Hunters Hot Pots	10	19
Old Cobbies	11	13
Drunken Sailors	10	13
Nags Head Trotters	10	12
Real Talbot	11	6
Ranger & Friends	9	0

Lyme Regis darts

Current table	Pld	Pts
Nags Head A	10	20
Rousdon Club	10	20
Clockadoodledoo	12	16
Nags Z	12	15
Rock Point A	10	14
Royal Standard	12	12
Hunters Lodge	10	10
Four Play	10	8
Talbot Arms	10	8
Cobb Arms	9	4
Janners	10	4
Half an Octopus	11	3
See you Next Thurs	10	2

180s: R.Cross x5, T.Prowse x4, T.Bond x2, B.Grainger &T.Young both x2, 11 players x1.

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Chelsea icon sees Lyme hit promotion form

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A DOUBLE from Cody Bowditch helped reignite Lyme Regis' charge towards a third successive promotion.

The 16-year-old struck twice in an eight-minute purple patch early in the second half of Saturday's crucial Devon & Exeter League Division One clash with promotion rivals Colyton.

But the goal of the game came a minute before half time when striker Dec Ellis, having deservedly earned a first team recall after a goal laden spell in the Reserves, rounded off a neat move to roars of approval from the Fort faithful whose numbers had been swelled by the appearance of Chelsea's record appearance holder Ron Harris having arrived at the ground early ahead of the evening's Sportsman's event.

Next up for the Seasiders, now up to third in the table, is Saturday's trip to Silver Street (EX15 2RG) to take on Willand Rovers Reserves.

Later on in the season Lyme first team face a huge test to overcome D&E Premier Division title chasers Newton in the quarter final of the East Devon Senior Cup on April 1st, but if they do Robin Townsend's side with travel to either Bickeligh or Witheridge Reserves in the semi finals.

Down in Division Six Lyme Regis Reserves were left without a game when their trip to Halwill Reserves was postponed due to a frozen pitch.

Gerard Hitchcock's side is due to play only their third home league game on Saturday with the visit of Silverton.

Meanwhile, the Lyme Ressies have been drawn at home against Stoke Hill in the semi final of the Football Express cup. The other semi pitches Central FC against North Tawton.

Down in the Perry Street League Lyme Regis Rovers and Uplyme Reserves warmed up for next Saturday's John Fowler Cup quarter final at Venlake with big wins in Division Three.

Pete Peacock scored a hat-trick in the Rovers' 8-0 hammering of Fivehead while Ryan Smith bagged five and Jonnie Harris at hat trick in the Uplyme second string's 10-0 mauling of Chard United All Stars .

Up in Division One UPLYME went down 4-0 at Hawkchurch United. The Swallows have no fixture on Saturday.

Finally, a 2-1 win over rivals Winsham United has kept CHARMOUTH in with a sniff of promotion from Division Two. The Robins are in Tommy Tabberer cup cup action at Crewkerne Rangers next Saturday.

◆ **BACK ON TRACK:** Cody Bowditch skilfully flicks home the second goal while (inset) fellow goalscorer Dec Ellis fends off an unusual challenge. ***Photos by HOWARD LARCOMBE***

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